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# Town of West Bridgewater



(Candlelight Vigil - held September 18, 2001)

## Annual Report 2001



THE 2001 TOWN REPORT  
IS DEDICATED  
TO

GEORGE O. MERRITT, SR.  
1931 - 2001

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
1979 - 2001

This Town Report is also dedicated  
to all Town Employees, past and  
present, who continue to serve the  
Town of West Bridgewater with  
dedication and pride.



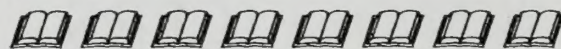


ANNUAL REPORT  
Of the  
TOWN OFFICERS  
AND COMMITTEES  
Of the Town of  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
For the year ending  
December 31, 2001



***Pursuant to  
Town of West Bridgewater  
General By-Laws  
And  
Regulations  
(revised 1983, amended 1998)***

***Article VII – Selectmen  
Section 8***



***“The Selectmen shall have the printed annual reports of the Town ready for distribution and shall have copies available to the public at the Town Hall and other designated public buildings at least two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the annual town meeting. Copies of the annual town report will be made available to each Town resident at the Annual Town Meeting.”***





# Board of Selectmen

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 180th Annual Town Report.

The year 2001 saw much action in the Selectmen's Office and forward motion on numerous projects. Richard Freitas retained his seat on the Board and Eldon Moreira, was elected Chairman.

The Selectmen appointed a new Building Inspector, Joseph Vasapollo of Brockton. Mr. Vasapollo brings with him years of experience in the Building Inspection field, with extensive knowledge of zoning regulations.

The Police Department promoted two patrolman to the rank of Sergeant, namely, Donald Clark and Victor Flaherty. They also promoted Thomas Richmond from a Permanent/Intermittent Police Officer to a Full-Time Patrolman.

The Selectmen also appointed Peter Larson of West Bridgewater to the Forestry and Parks Department and Suzanne Kent to the position of Head Administrative Clerk to the Accountant's Office and Highway/Forestry/Vehicle Maintenance Departments. They also appointed Gayle Cipitelli of West Bridgewater as the part-time secretary to the Zoning By-Law Study Review Commission.

Also, the Board completed the compilation of a Master Plan for the Town, with the dedicated perseverance of the 12 member Master Plan Committee, and the forming of subcommittees as a result. These sub-committees will consist of the Center of Town Committee; Water Resource Management Committee; Housing Committee and Master Plan Implementation Committee.

The following projects were undertaken by this office:

- Formation and Appointment of a Service Member Recognition Committee to review all applications for memorial dedications in Town.



- Oversee contract and construction details for the Memorial Park Dam Renovations, spearheaded by Christopher Iannitelli, Forestry and Parks Superintendent and funded by a State DEM Grant and some Town funds.
- Obtained additional funding to enable us to proceed and oversee construction of the Town Hall Elevator, second stairway and badly needed Records Storage Vault as overseen by the Municipal Building Needs Committee, chaired by Selectman Vic Flaherty.
- Completed the Design Selection Process to hire an Architectural and Engineer firm to produce plans to expand the Town's Fire Station. Ammondson Architects are now working with the Fire Chief and the MBNC to develop an aesthetically pleasing, addition and functional expansion of space for the 15 member department.
- Completed the Design Selection Process to hire an Architectural and Engineer firm to design the High School expansion and renovation project approved by Town voters at the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Flaherty and the MBNC are working diligently with the school administration to begin construction in Spring of 2002 for completion before the September opening of school.
- Overcoming the obstacles of bids that came in too high for the Senior Center; receiving approval from the State for an alternative building structure; and overcoming septic connection issues at the proposed site. Hopefully, construction will begin in the Spring of 2002 with all approvals from DEP, EPA and DHCD.
- Attended a magnificently planned Candlelight Service on September 18, 2001 to honor the victims of the 9-11 Tragedy and their families.
- Once again, the Town hosted the November 11<sup>th</sup> Tri-Town Parade. Members of the Selectmen worked hard with the Committee, led by Town Clerk Marion Leonard, to ensure a greater than normal insurgence of patriotism in the wake of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Tragedy.
- Together with the Master Plan Committee worked to gather Town wide support to seek funding from the State to create a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan for the Town, to protect the Town's Water Supply; address wastewater problems and manage stormwater discharges in compliance with State and Federal regulations.
- In September, the Selectmen formed a "Super" Committee composed of all members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning By-Law Review Committee to meet and resolve areas of concern in the Town's Zoning By-Laws, officially approved by the Attorney General in 1998. Revision will be presented at a Spring Town Meeting, 2002.
- Through the office of the Inspector of Buildings with the assistance of Town Counsel, successfully evicted a transient vendor selling wares in the Center of Town. Other enforcement issues revolved around Earth Removal irregularities.
- Continued supporting work to reconstruct Manley Street garnering additional funding through Senator Joanne Sprague and Representative Christine Canavan's tireless efforts for their constituents in West Bridgewater. With their State financial assistance, the Engineering and Design work will be covered by State funds. Road reconstruction should start in the Fall of 2002.



- Through the office of the Chief Procurement Officer, the Selectmen went out for bids for a new F550 Dump Truck for the Highway Department; new 14-passenger Council on Aging Van; new generators for the Fire Department, Rose L. MacDonald School and Police Department; with assistance from the Park Superintendent, developed an RFP for a Park Management Plan Consultant.
- Supported the Administrator as she orchestrated all yearly operating and capital budget presentations and assisted the staff who attended to all the details associated with such throughout the year.

In addition to all of this, our office continues to be the Local Licensing Authority and Appointing Authority for most Town departments. The Board represents the Town of West Bridgewater in connection with the activities of the Old Colony Planning Council, Brockton Area Transit Authority, Plymouth County Advisory Board, Plymouth County Selectmen's Association, the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, the Massachusetts Municipal Association and the Southeastern Regional Services Group. Richard Freitas was again appointed to the volunteer position of Parking Clerk. The Selectmen also contribute a great deal of their time to volunteer projects such as the Beautification Committee and the Stars and Stripes, the Memorial and Veterans Day celebration and many other activities, committees and projects.

In all, this office approved the following licenses and took in the following fees:

Type of License	# Issued	Amount Collected
Alcohol Licenses:		
All Alcoholic Restaurant	8	\$8,000.00
Club License	2	1,000.00
Beer & Wine Store	4	2,000.00
All Alcoholic Store	3	3,000.00
One Day Liquor	23	1,150.00
Sunday Openings	7	350.00
Garage Repair	19	950.00
Class II, III and I	28	3,000.00
Common Victualer	17	1,250.00
Antique	6	600.00
Road Opening Permits	70	3,500.00
Transfer Station Commercial	2	1,750.00
Auctioneer's	2	100.00
Entertainment		2,925.00
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$29,575.00</b>

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out and to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretaries, Donna Larson and Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors. Without them the wheels of government would grind to a halt.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Chairman  
Victor R. Flaherty, Clerk  
Richard J. Freitas, Member

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## **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

**American Manufacture Home Trust, doing  
business as Matfield Woods Mobile Home Park  
V.  
Rent Control Board of the Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board granting a rent increase to the owners of the Park. The case is pending a hearing.

**Extra Space Associates, Inc. et al  
V.  
Zoning Board of Appeals of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the Land Court by the plaintiff appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals which overruled the decision of the Building Inspector granting a building permit to the plaintiff for the construction of a self-service storage facility at 327 South Main Street. The Land Court, after a trial, entered judgment for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Plaintiff appealed such judgment to the Appeals Court, and the appeal is pending a hearing.

**Heather Travers  
V.  
Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the United States District Court in which the plaintiff seeks damages from the Town for her alleged unlawful arrest by the Town's police officers. The Court has advised the parties in the case to seek mediation to resolve this action.



**Joseph L. Vasapollo, Jr.**  
**V.**  
**A & E Realty Trust, Victor Guerreiro,**  
**Guerreiro & Bota, Inc., and Horacio Bota**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth Superior Court by Inspector of Buildings. The case has been disposed of.

**Robert D. Bryant**  
**V.**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance to the plaintiff from frontage requirements to build a single-family home on a vacant parcel of land on East Street. This case is still pending hearing.

**Dorine Josselyn**  
**V.**  
**Town of West Bridgewater**  
**Zoning Board of Appeals**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a special permit to James Clifford and Daniel Galvin for a change in use of nonconforming property at 131 West Street.

**Nextel Communications of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc.**  
**V.**  
**The Town of West Bridgewater, et als.**

This is an action brought in the United States District Court by the plaintiff. This case has been settled.



TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/00	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2001
CEMETERIES					
PLEASANT HILL	\$ 5,127.09	\$ 274.94			\$ 5,402.03
PINE HILL	\$ 5,496.60	\$ 256.49			\$ 5,753.09
TOWN CEMETERIES	\$ 15,364.58	\$ 768.51			\$ 16,133.09
					\$ -
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	\$ 17,617.59	\$ 881.18			\$ 18,498.77
#2	\$ 7,689.71	\$ 384.63			\$ 8,074.34
#3	\$ 18,103.70	\$ 905.50			\$ 19,009.20
#4	\$ 18,105.47	\$ 905.60			\$ 19,011.07
					\$ -
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	\$ 13,179.40	\$ 659.20			\$ 13,838.60
					\$ -
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	\$ 5,640.29	\$ 282.11			\$ 5,922.40
					\$ -
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 5,234.77	\$ 261.57		\$ (250.00)	\$ 5,246.34
					\$ -
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	\$ 1,777.37	\$ 88.90			\$ 1,866.27
					\$ -
DRURY BELL FUND	\$ 1,271.93	\$ 63.62			\$ 1,335.55
					\$ -
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 529,831.50	\$ 31,758.67			\$ 561,590.17
TOTALS	\$ 644,440.00	\$ 37,490.92	\$ -	\$ (250.00)	\$ 681,680.92

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHN G. DUGGAN  
TREASURER

∞ INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE & MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE V	\$	94,954.00
	\$	360.00
TOTALS	\$	95,314.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

JOHN G. DUGGAN  
TAX COLLECTOR



REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2000

REAL ESTATE

YEAR	6/30/2000 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS	FORECLOSURES DEFERRED	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2001 BALANCE
1989	\$ 165.66								\$ 165.66
1990	\$ 169.62								\$ 169.62
1991	\$ 446.82								\$ 446.82
1992	\$ 652.90								\$ 652.90
1993	\$ 289.14								\$ 289.14
1994	\$ 227.15								\$ 227.15
1995	\$ 233.28								\$ 233.28
1996	\$ 250.42								\$ 250.42
1997	\$ 517.38		(73.22)						\$ 444.16
1998	\$ 5,722.92	\$ -	(8,920.91)	4,837.21					\$ (1,243.95)
1999	\$ 20,827.25		(27,454.54)	11,865.18		\$ (1,210.50)	36.75	(3,266.36)	\$ 395.27
2000	\$ 484,680.09		(138,276.14)	103,874.88		\$ (10,810.29)	86.78	(379,866.53)	\$ 797.78
2001		\$ 9,492,730.81	(66,432.77)	23,556.74		\$ (31,640.76)	27.00	(9,087,262.61)	\$ 59,688.79
TOTALS	\$ 514,182.63	\$ 9,492,730.81	(241,157.58)	144,134.01	\$ -	\$ (43,661.55)	123.53	(9,471,639.45)	\$ 394,739.40

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

YEAR	6/30/1999 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2000 BALANCE
1997	\$ 3,545.85		(3,522.10)		\$ (23.75)	\$ -
1998	\$ 4,643.47		(4,357.22)		\$ (286.25)	\$ -
1999	\$ 12,396.97	\$ 44,553.82	(494.07)	384.07	\$ (50,564.72)	\$ 6,276.07
2000	\$ 97,549.12	\$ 130,474.51	(11,896.55)	6,474.75	\$ (208,049.53)	\$ 14,552.30
2001	\$ -	\$ 667,054.36	(16,908.63)	2,862.21	\$ (509,194.52)	\$ 143,813.42
TOTALS	\$ 118,135.41	\$ 842,082.69	(37,178.57)	9,721.03	\$ (758,118.77)	\$ 164,641.79

PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
TAXES

YEAR	06/30/00 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/01 BALANCE
1995	\$ 4,484.41		\$ (4,275.66)			\$ -	\$ 208.75
1996	\$ 255.92		\$ (32.67)			\$ -	\$ 223.25
1997	\$ 6,701.64		\$ (4,054.97)			\$ (47.07)	\$ 2,599.60
1998	\$ 12,595.05		\$ (10,476.41)			\$ (47.45)	\$ 2,071.19
1999	\$ 14,969.75		\$ (10,424.49)			\$ (601.35)	\$ 3,943.91
2000	\$ 61,922.72		\$ (26,013.75)	12,505.13	\$ (83.95)	\$ (44,358.66)	\$ 3,971.49
2001		735,560.82	\$ (7,895.03)	7,200.81		\$ (701,624.48)	\$ 33,242.12
TOTALS	\$ 100,929.49	\$ 735,560.82	\$ (63,172.98)	\$ 19,705.94	\$ (83.95)	\$ (746,679.01)	\$ 46,260.31

WATER USE  
CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/00 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/01 BALANCE
1998	\$ 94.23		\$ -		\$ (94.23)	\$ -	\$ -
1999	\$ 9,866.78		\$ -	(53.01)	\$ (6,854.11)	\$ (3,622.25)	\$ (662.59)
2000	\$ 47,692.33		\$ (2,525.95)	299.41	\$ (7,901.81)	\$ (32,545.42)	\$ 5,018.56
2001		567,983.07	\$ (5,051.10)			\$ (511,389.90)	\$ 51,542.07
TOTALS	\$ 57,653.34	\$ 567,983.07	\$ (7,577.05)	\$ 246.40	\$ (14,850.15)	\$ (547,557.57)	\$ 4,355.97

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES	06/30/00 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/01 BALANCE
1999	\$ 1,849.75		\$ -			\$ (317.52)	\$ -
2000	\$ 8,818.53		\$ -	(1,170.43)	\$ (361.80)	\$ (3,921.87)	\$ 1,193.32
2001	\$ -	22,287.43	\$ -	(3,703.34)		\$ (16,748.12)	\$ 5,539.31
TOTALS	\$ 10,668.28	\$ 22,287.43	\$ -	\$ (4,873.77)	\$ (361.80)	\$ (20,987.51)	\$ 6,732.63
TIE INS	\$ (13,490.00)	\$ 46,050.00				\$ (50,650.00)	\$ (18,090.00)



TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Revenues and Other Sources,  
and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual -  
General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Amended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 10,049,990	\$ 10,049,990	\$ -
Excise	660,000	759,598	99,598
Charges for services	454,000	385,683	(68,317)
Departmental	68,650	104,281	35,631
Penalty and interest	91,000	95,314	4,314
Licenses and permits	137,150	123,403	(13,747)
Intergovernmental	3,167,327	3,297,572	130,245
Fines and forfeitures	160,800	161,775	975
Interest earnings	120,000	132,187	12,187
Miscellaneous	32,000	15,938	(16,062)
Other sources - free cash	284,699	284,699	-
Other sources - teacher deferral	58,964	58,964	-
Transfers in	4,250	4,250	-
Other sources - various departments	5,000	5,000	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>15,293,830</u>	<u>15,478,654</u>	<u>184,824</u>
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
General government	847,164	831,944	15,220
Public safety	2,462,542	2,462,277	265
Education	7,669,711	7,669,584	127
Public works	732,719	729,544	3,175
Health and human services	194,614	185,660	8,954
Culture and recreation	402,924	401,177	1,747
Debt service	1,055,357	1,053,765	1,592
Intergovernmental	236,105	246,371	(10,266)
Employee benefits	1,316,818	1,227,975	88,843
Articles	247,948	244,864	3,084
Teacher deferral	117,928	117,928	-
Other uses	10,000	10,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>15,293,830</u>	<u>15,181,089</u>	<u>112,741</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>297,565</u>	\$ <u>297,565</u>

The notes to the financial statements  
are an integral part of this statement.

# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes In Fund Equity Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Proprietary Fund Type Water Enterprise Fund	Fiduciary Fund Type Nonexpendable Trust Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 722,459	-	\$ 722,459
Contributions	-	89	89
Total Revenues	<u>722,459</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>722,548</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Personal services	360,959	-	360,959
Non-personnel services	207,329	-	207,329
Depreciation	51,800	-	51,800
Capital outlay	49,546	-	49,546
Other	<u>1,215</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,215</u>
Total Expenses	<u>670,849</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>670,849</u>
Operating income (loss)	51,610	89	51,699
Nonoperational Revenues (Expenses):			
Interest expense	(9,514)	-	(9,514)
Transfer Out	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Total Nonoperational Revenues (Expenses)	<u>(19,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(19,514)</u>
Net income (loss)	32,096	89	32,185
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, Beginning	<u>279,400</u>	<u>85,946</u>	<u>365,346</u>
Retained Earnings/Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 311,496</u>	<u>\$ 86,035</u>	<u>\$ 397,531</u>

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are an integral part of this statement.



June 30, 2001

ASSETS

	Governmental Fund Types			Proprietary	Fiduciary	Account Group	Totals
	General	Special	Capital	Fund Types	Fund Types		
		Revenue	Projects	Enterprise	Trust and Agency	General Long Term Debt	(Memorandum Only)
Cash and cash investments	\$ 1,768,118	\$ 588,842	\$ 412,313	\$ 248,291	\$ 1,419,546	\$ -	\$ 4,437,110
Receivables:							
Property taxes	673,608	-	-	-	-	-	673,608
Excise	165,362	-	-	-	-	-	165,362
Utilities	-	-	-	74,926	-	-	74,926
Departmental	320,780	-	-	-	-	-	320,780
Fixed assets	-	-	-	179,200	-	-	179,200
Due from other governments	-	83,317	-	-	-	-	83,317
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	3,119,320	3,119,320
Amount to be provided by Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	3,168,480	3,168,480
Total Assets	\$ 2,927,868	\$ 672,159	\$ 412,313	\$ 502,417	\$ 1,419,546	\$ 6,287,800	\$ 12,222,103

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	\$ 425,268	\$ 9,481	\$ 627	\$ 11,721	\$ 492	\$ -	\$ 447,589
Deferred revenues	1,100,177	-	-	-	-	-	1,100,177
Anticipation notes payable	-	231,953	907,540	-	-	-	1,139,493
Bonds payable	-	-	-	179,200	-	6,287,800	6,467,000
Escrow payable	-	-	-	-	705,129	-	705,129
Other liabilities	124,810	-	-	-	32,634	-	157,444
Total Liabilities	1,650,255	241,434	908,167	190,921	738,255	6,287,800	10,016,832
Fund Equity:							
Fund balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	339,136	-	-	27,361	-	-	366,497
Reserve for expenditures	99,577	-	-	-	-	-	99,577
Reserve for endowment	-	-	-	-	86,035	-	86,035
Unreserved	838,900	430,725	(495,854)	-	595,256	-	1,369,027
Retained earnings	-	-	-	284,135	-	-	284,135
Total Fund Equity	1,277,613	430,725	(495,854)	311,496	681,291	-	2,205,271
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 2,927,868	\$ 672,159	\$ 412,313	\$ 502,417	\$ 1,419,546	\$ 6,287,800	\$ 12,222,103

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Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balance -  
All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Fund Types Expendable Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 10,012,207	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,012,207
Excise	759,598	-	-	-	759,598
Charges for services	385,683	213,269	-	-	598,952
Interest and penalties	95,314	-	-	-	95,314
Licenses and permits	123,403	-	-	-	123,403
Departmental	104,281	-	-	-	104,281
Fines and forfeitures	161,775	-	-	-	161,775
Intergovernmental	4,185,385	1,289,115	-	-	5,474,480
Interest earnings	132,187	-	-	37,402	169,589
Miscellaneous	15,938	426,256	-	250	442,444
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>15,975,751</b>	<b>1,928,640</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,652</b>	<b>17,942,043</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
General government	816,061	14,664	-	-	830,725
Public safety	2,460,119	295,493	-	-	2,755,612
Education	8,670,530	724,094	143,314	250	9,538,188
Public works	719,919	653,021	274,511	-	1,647,451
Human services	183,769	50,151	-	-	233,920
Culture and recreation	399,184	25,210	32,090	-	456,484
Employee benefits	1,226,596	1,865	-	-	1,228,461
Debt service	953,765	-	-	-	953,765
Intergovernmental	246,371	-	-	-	246,371
Articles	224,624	-	-	-	224,624
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>15,900,938</b>	<b>1,764,498</b>	<b>449,915</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>18,115,601</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>74,813</b>	<b>164,142</b>	<b>(449,915)</b>	<b>37,402</b>	<b>(173,558)</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating transfers in	4,250	-	110,000	-	114,250
Operating transfers (out)	(100,000)	(4,250)	-	-	(104,250)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (uses)</b>	<b>(95,750)</b>	<b>(4,250)</b>	<b>110,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses</b>	<b>(20,937)</b>	<b>159,892</b>	<b>(339,915)</b>	<b>37,402</b>	<b>(163,558)</b>
<b>Fund Balance, July 1, 2000</b>	<b>1,298,550</b>	<b>270,833</b>	<b>(155,939)</b>	<b>557,854</b>	<b>1,971,298</b>
<b>Fund Balance, June 30, 2001</b>	<b>\$ 1,277,613</b>	<b>\$ 430,725</b>	<b>\$ (495,854)</b>	<b>\$ 595,256</b>	<b>\$ 1,807,740</b>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
2001 STATISTICS**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

**PRECINCT ONE**

Democrat	484
Green	2
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Libertarian	10
Reform	2
Republican	501
Socialist	1
Unenrolled	1209
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2211</b>

**PRECINCT TWO**

Democrat	487
Green	0
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Libertarian	9
Reform	0
Republican	396
Socialist	0
Unenrolled	1119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2012</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4223**

**TOTAL POPULATION  
6665**

**RESIDENCE STATISTICS  
2,331 – Housing Units  
210 – Vacant**

**2002 – ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
April 13, 2002  
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**2002 – ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
June 10, 2002  
7:00 p.m.**

**2003– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
April 19, 2003**

**2002 – STATE PRIMARY  
September 17, 2002**

**2002 – STATE ELECTION  
November 5, 2002**

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLYMOUTH DIST.**  
Christine E. Canavan

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**  
Edward M. Kennedy  
John F. Kerry

**COUNCILOR – 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**  
Kelly A. Timilty

**SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT**  
JoAnn Sprague



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS  
2001**

	<u>Term</u> <u>Elected</u>	<u>Expires</u>
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**MODERATOR**

S. Erick Benson.....	2000	2003
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**TOWN CLERK**

Marion L. Leonard.....	2000	2003
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**SELECTMEN**

Eldon F. Moreira.....	1999	2002
Victor R. Flaherty.....	2000	2003
Richard J. Freitas.....	2001	2004

**ASSESSORS**

Irving W. Puffer.....	1999	2002
Donald L. Miller.....	2000	2003
DeSales Heath.....	2001	2004

**TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Linda Williams.....	1999	2002
Barbara Roulstone.....	1999	2002
Robert Sullivan.....	2000	2003
Joan Sheedy.....	2001	2003
James Benson.....	2001	2004
Beth Rogers.....	2001	2004

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Marianne Welch-Batstone.....	1999	2002
Jeffrey Russell (Resigned ).....	1999	2002
M. Lynne Tartaglia.....	2000	2003
Daniel G. West.....	2000	2003
William McCole.....	2001	2004
Nancy Maloney.....	2001	2004

**WATER COMMISSIONERS**

John W. Noyes.....	1999	2002
Donald G. Asack.....	2000	2003
David L. Churchill.....	2001	2004

#### TREE WARDEN

Christopher D. Iannitelli.....	2000	2003
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#### CONSTABLES

Raymond L. Silva.....	2001	2004
Walter Thayer.....	2001	2004

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Sandra Asack.....	1999	2002
Bradford Piesco.....	2000	2003
Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004

#### PLANNING BOARD

Gerald Stetson.....	1997	2002
Howard Anderson.....	2000	2003
Grete Bohannon.....	1998	2003
James Henderson.....	1999	2004
Hugh Hurley.....	2001	2006

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Raymund Rogers.....	1997	2002
Bradford Piesco.....	1998	2003
Richard J. Freitas.....	1999	2004
John Cruz.....	2000	2005
Marion L. Leonard.....	2001	2006

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE  
Dr. Robert H. White, School Superintendent  
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS  
Richard Flaherty  
Thomas Richmond

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

George O. Merritt...(Deceased).....	1997	2002
John DeCosta, Jr.....	2001	2002
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	1998	2003



Michael D. Feresten...(Resigned).....	1999	2004
James Henderson.....	2001	2002
Walter Thayer.....	2000	2005
William E. Lucini.....	2001	2006
<b>Associate Members:</b>		
Marian Spencer.....	2001	2002
Armen Amerigian.....	2001	2005

**BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE**

Conservation CommissionHistorical Commission

**BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**  
Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE**  
Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
Richard J. Freitas, Designee

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Joseph Vasapollo, Jr.

**ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Peter Levenson

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Peter Turner.....	1999	2002
Vacancy.....		2002
Richard Domingos.....	2000	2003
Michael D. Feresten.....	2000	2003
Donald Miller.....	2001	2004
Julio Miglierini.....	2001	2004

**CELL TOWER COMMITTEE**

Jack HughesVacancyLeonard Hunt  
Richard KruggerVacancyWarren Turner

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

**COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John Duggan	Dr. Robert H. White	David Moran
Beth Smith		John Miller
Kevin Flynn		Paul Golder
Richard Krugger		Raymund Rogers
Malcolm Reese		Joyce Francis
Ed Sarro		Beth Smith

**CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Donna Larson

**ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Jacqueline Lee

**CONSERVATION AGENT**

Michele F. Grenier

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Richard Palin.....	2001	2002
Winfield R. Weatherbee.....	1999	2002
Peter Bergstrom.....(Resigned).....	1999	2002
William Liston .....	2000	2003
William Clancy.....	2001	2003
Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Henry Bishop.....	2000	2002
James McGuigan.....	2000	2002
Albert Greiner.....(Deceased).....	2000	2003
Ruth Emberg Johnson.....	2001	2003
Anna Brown.....	2000	2003
Virginia Michael.....	2000	2003
David Cohen.....	2000	2003
Frank Nelson, Jr.....	2001	2004
George Massey.....	2001	2004

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Vacancy.....	1997	2002
Carolyn Ritucci.....	1999	2002
Deborah Tisdale.....	1999	2002
Kathleen Masse.....	2001	2004
Linda Kurinskas.....	2001	2004
Lorraine Mardo.....	2001	2004

**DRURY BELL COMMITTEE**

Richard J. Freitas

Eldon F. Moreira

Victor R. Flaherty

**ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Mary Harrington Graf

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Leonard T. Hunt

**ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Ronald P. Snell

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Joseph Souza

Harold Hallberg

Hugh Hurley

**FIELD DRIVERS**

George Richardson

Howard A. Anderson

Vacant

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON**

Elizabeth D. Faricy



**FIRE CHIEF**  
Leonard T. Hunt

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
Leonard T. Hunt

**HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Virginia T. Michael	Kevan Sullivan	Bruce Holmquist
Marilyn Kincade	Ryan Kincade	Grace Bjorklund

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**  
Leonard T. Hunt

**HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Raymund Rogers	Phyllis Bickford	Paul Golder
Ronald Broman	S. Erick Benson	Vacancy

**HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN**

Vacancy.....		2002
Vacancy.....		2003
Joan McAndrew.....	2001	2004

**HERRING WARDEN**

Thomas B. MacQuinn	Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy	Joseph Souza, Deputy
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**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Ann Harrington.....	2001	2002
Katharine Turner.....	2001	2002
Ann Marie Sheedy.....	2001	2003
Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio.....	2001	2003
Gregory Sheedy.....	2001	2003
Noreen D"Andrea.....	2001	2003
Francine Sheedy.....	2001	2004
John Newell.....	2001	2004

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	1998	2002
Robert DeMarino.....	1998	2003
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....		2006
<b>Advisory Committee:</b>		
Vacancy.....		
Vacancy.....		2005

**LOCKUP KEEPER**  
Bruce Holmquist

**MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE**

Hugh Hurley	David Lacy
Eldon Moreira	Robert Smith
Grete Bohannon	John DeCosta
Victor Flaherty	Wilfred Howard
L. Gary Eliasson	Richard Freitas

# MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz Michael Feresten Vacancy

# MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist Marion L. Leonard Richard McMahon  
Eldon Moreira Nancy L. Morrison Robert Kominsky

# MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Linda Hambly.....	1998	2002	
Charles R. Barros.....	1997	2003	
Kathleen Norville.....	1997	2003	
David Hill.....		2000	2003
Irene Churchill.....	2001	2004	

# MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

James Enos.....	2001	2002
Thomas Kilpatrick.....	1999	2002
William Bystrom.....	1999	2002
Victor Flahery.....	2001	2002
Michael Centrella.....	1999	2003
Beth Roll Smith.....	1999	2001
Lance Robson.....	1998	2001
John Bottini.....	2001	2004
Richard Freitas.....	2001	200

# MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Scott Weatherbee

# O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate  
Mary Harrington Graf, Delegate

# OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate..... 1998 2001

# OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.

George Massey, Delegate  
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate

# OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

# OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Howard W. Hayward	Mary Adams
Jac MacDonald	Jody Driscoll
Beth Miltner	Charles Tartaglia
James Lorray	Vacancy
Walter Healy	Joan Leland
Barry Meltzer	Lorraine Mardo
Christopher Iannitelli	Beth Roll Smith



**PARKING CLERK**

Richard J. Freitas

**PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT**

Christopher Iannitelli.....	1998	2001
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**PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

Joseph Donovan

**POLICE CHIEF**

Robert W. Kominsky

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE**

Eldon F. Moreira

**RECREATION COMMISSION**

Inactive

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

John S. Newell, III

Vacancies

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Janet Merritt.....	1999	2002
Francis J. Boyd.....	2000	2003
Marion L. Leonard, Clerk.....	2000	2003
Lois Barros.....	2001	2004

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS**

Herbert A. Wolfer

**SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Frank W. Nelson	Vacancy	Richard Freitas
Eldon F. Moreira	Donald Miller	Hugh Hurley
George Massey	Victor Flaherty	Vacancy

**SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Robert W. Kominsky	Armen Amerigian	Kevin Conway
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.		Richard McMahon

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Raymond L. Silva

Donald Jenness – Herring Warden

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Thomas C. Green

**TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE**

Marianne Lorray	Kevin Kelley	Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Kevin Flynn

**TOWN COUNCIL**

John P. Lee

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Thomas MacQuinn  
Christopher Iannitelli

Keith Hahl  
Vacant

**TOWN PARK COMMITTEE**

Bruce Holmquist  
Christopher Iannitelli

Marian MacDonald  
Jerry Lawrence

Christopher Werner  
Jac MacDonald

**TOWN WEIGHER**

Sgt. Philip Tuck  
Officer Bruce Holmquist  
Officer Michael Cummings

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

John G. Duggan

**VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT**

Leonard Graf III

**VETERANS AGENT**

Armen Amerigian

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL**

Richard Krugger, Jr.

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Albert K. Greiner

**ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR**

Albert M. Greiner (Deceased)

**ZONING BY-LAW COMMITTEE**

Grete Bohannon  
Richard Krugger

L. Gary Eliasson  
David Lacy  
Peter Moroni

Richard Freitas  
William Lucini

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

**COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joanna Savage  
Paul Sheedy

Marion Loughman

Henry Bishop  
Michael Manugian

**STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

Raymond L. Silva  
Vacancy

Vacancy

Robert L. Kellie  
Vacancy



### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pamela Humphreys.....	1999	2002
Robert L. Smith.....	1999	2002
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS.....	2000	2003
Sandra White.....	2000	2003
Joseph Ritucci.....	2001	2004
Richard Heath.....	2001	2004

### MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope	John F. Bottini, Jr.	Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas	Warren Sederberg	David Gill
Jeffrey Russell	Thomas Kilpatrick	Victor Flaherty

### APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

#### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson	Howard A. Anderson
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#### BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

#### BURIAL AGENTS

Marion L. Leonard	Nancy L. Morrison	Bruce Holmquist
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### APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

#### DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

#### DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue	Paul Golder	Allen A. Breer
Michael D. St. George	James J. Rocha	Gerald e. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson	C. Douglas Hill	Kenneth J. May
Anthony V. Ciccolo	Charles T. Hatch	John A. Bartorelli
David L. Niklason		William R. Choate

### LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	\$91,729.90
Transfer Station Stickers	68,567.00
Fish and Game Fees	318.05
Dog Licenses and fines	7,460.00
Non-criminal Fines	1,430.00
All other non-criminal fines	1,940.00
Passport processing fees	4,125.00
Misc. receipts	33,783.23
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	\$207,413.18
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	\$ 6,570.25
Total	\$213,983.43

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## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2001 BIRTHS

#### JANUARY

- 6 Michael Martin Jones....George S. Jones, Jr. & Rochelle Belisle
- 12 Matthew Hunter MacLeod Porges....Keith Ashley Porges & Shannon Marie Gummow
- 15 Morgan Regina Bellody....Michael Lawrence Bellody & Jennifer Regina Iacobucci
- 16 Serena Grace Alvarnaz....Richard J. Alvarnaz & Laurie A. Botelho
- 17 Hannah Kathleen Pierce....Edward F. Pierce & Amy E. Lucas
- 24 Daniel Aaron DiPerri....John S. DiPerri & Deborah Lee Perlman
- 29 Abigail Patricia McMahon....Paul E. McMahon, Jr. & Nicole J. Ross
- 30 Jacob Michael Cobb....Wayne D. Cobb & Patricia A. Wilson
- 30 Sharon Elizabeth Donahue....Michael C. Donahue & Carol E. Crook

#### FEBRUARY

- 5 Molly Anne Quilitzsch....Christopher Lee Quilitzsch & Kathleen V. Delaney
- 19 Gabriella Vilmarie Sharkey....Jonathan David Sharkey & Vanessa Elena Coutsoumbos
- 21 Megan Riley Adams....Fred Richard Adams, II & Wendy Jean Magner
- 26 Meredith Elizabeth Eaton....Keith Alexander Eaton & Elizabeth Anne Martin

#### MARCH

- 1 Maximilian Pasquale Comperchio....David Paul Comperchio & Carolyn Waters
- 1 Ryan James Kuhn....James L. Kuhn & Robin L. Doane
- 4 Cassidy Nicole Cave....Brian Philip Cave & Marli Elaine Coffey
- 7 Tessa Marie Smith....James Sullivan Smith & Kimberly D'Arpino
- 9 Shannon Rose Butler....John Joseph Butler & Carolyn Frances Hilliard
- 14 Jacob William Eaton....Jeffrey W. Eaton & Susan Ryder Hayes
- 18 Michael Joseph Nowacki, Jr. ....Michael Joseph Nowacki & Maureen Ellen Clougher

#### APRIL

- 3 Valerie Rose Puliafico....Joseph Puliafico & Lynette Marie Savoie
- 5 Paul John Bacci....John Paul Bacci & Sharon Jill Hadgi
- 5 Sienna Rose Giannelli....Michael Ettore Giannelli & Stacey Ann Radley
- 14 Emily Maude Hamilton Hill....David Lee Hill & Lisa Ann Hamilton
- 17 Caitlin Ann McGrath....Paul Timothy McGrath & Laura Jane Flavin

- 20 Christopher Jeffrey Armstrong....Jeffrey Timothy Armstrong & Renee Ann Couture
- 22 Daniel Wesley Munro....Michael Edward Munro & Nanci Ellen Anderson
- 29 Nolan Andrew Crowley....Timothy A. Crowley & Maureen M. Brown

## MAY

- 5 Mia Catherine Wabrek....Paul Jason Wabrek & Donna Lucille Spinelli
- 10 Lucas John Sarantopoulos....Michael J. Sarantopoulos & Lynne M. Curley
- 18 James Caffrey Conway....Kevin James Conway & Denise Marie Caffrey
- 22 Paul Matthew Alfieri....Paul E. Alfieri & Amy Frances McLaughlin
- 24 Lydia Rose LaRosa....Jeffrey David LaRosa & Rebecca Anne Dykes
- 25 Tristan Blake Church....David A. Church & Francine M. Newmark
- 26 Emily Amelia-Rose Smith...William R. Smith & Terry Lynn Hutchins
- 28 Jason Michael Gale....Michael R. Gale & Kari L. Duff

## JUNE

- 6 Dean Thomas Kjelgaard....James L. Kjelgaard & Marie Tardanico
- 6 Elizabeth Mary Williams....Albert Edward Williams & Jeanne Elizabeth Gately
- 11 Stephanie Rose Hardiman....George G. Hardiman & Michelle A. Lucini
- 15 Alyssa Marie Gormley....Joseph E. Gormley & Diane M. Aldridge
- 15 Emma Lynn Rosebush....Donald A. Rosebush & Paula A. Costa

## JULY

- 4 Melanie Joyce Rolfe....Dana F. Rolfe & Jacqueline E. Joyce
- 11 Dominic Andrew Torres Froio....Danny J. Froio & Chastity Torres
- 12 Nathaniel Isaac Arce....Enrique Arce & Audrey H. Spiegelman
- 16 Christopher Ryan Lorgeree....Edward R. Lorgeree & Tricia Lynn Parks
- 17 Shaun Daniel Galbato....Daniel A. Galbato, Jr. & Carrie Ann Fitzgerald

## AUGUST

- 1 Elisabeth Layne Terminiello....Jerome Francis Terminiello III & Elisabeth Helen Brown
- 4 Jacob Ward Micciantuono....James P. Micciantuono & Shannon M. Ward
- 6 Emily Elizabeth Sherman....Christian Edward Sherman & Christine Ellen Musto
- 9 Griffin Robert Campbell....Robert John Campbell & Lisa Doherty
- 9 Tyler Daniel Campbell....Robert John Campbell & Lisa Doherty
- 15 Tregg Michael Umbrianna....Michael Anthony Umbrianna & Carrie Anne Burke
- 16 Colleen Marie Tracy....Patrick M. Tracy & Kim M. MacLeod



- 17 Emily Sophia Slack....Brian J. Slack & Stacy Lee Peckham
- 23 Devin Spiro Georgantas....Peter Georgantas & Maryanne Zoumboulis

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Jolie Berkowitz....Heath E. Berkowitz & Christi Ciccolo
- 4 Justin Ryan Smith....Eric D. Smith & Jennifer Ann Gallagher
- 4 Justin Daniel Spetrini....Peter Anthony Spetrini & Dawn Marie Dearing
- 5 Nora Lynn Britton....Gene E. Britton & Leslie M. Vail
- 5 Jayden Ashley Honiker....Michael K. Honiker & Virginia C. Zona
- 5 Shawn Riley Honiker....Michael K. Honiker & Virginia C. Zona
- 11 Haley Joan Maider....William J. Maider & Kristen L. Lyons

## OCTOBER

- 11 Christian Dakota Wynott....Vernon C. Wynott III & Linda M. Fitzgibbons
- 15 James Bradford Piesco....Bradford W. Piesco & Marie L. Pistorino
- 20 Maggie Ellen McCafferty....Paul E. McCafferty & Kristin F. Cogswell

## NOVEMBER

- 5 Edward Marcotte Andrews....Richard M. Andrews & Eva Marcotte
- 13 Emma Lynne Preston....Michael Joseph Preston & Nancy Lynne Jackson
- 16 Dean William Hardy, Jr....Dean William Hardy & Heidi Michelle Briggs
- 27 Jacob Peter Diman....Peter Eugene Diman, Jr. .... & Amy Lynn Snelgrove
- 27 Mary Theresa Sheedy....Gregory Sheedy & Ann Marie McLoughlin

## DECEMBER

- 3 Shane Michael Callahan....Timothy Scott Callahan & Michelle Ann Doyle
- 12 Samantha Leigh Daly....Thomas John Daly & Karen Edberg
- 15 Thomas Roy Hartshorn....Christopher R. Hartshorn & Linda N. Cook
- 25 Abigail Alcide....Louis M. Alcide & Kerline Dorvilier
- 27 Landon Jay Robert Crowley....Henry D. Crowley, Jr. & Gina M. Ciccolo
- 27 Meghan Rae Willis....Donald I. Willis, Jr. & Bonnie Sue Korb
- 28 Nikolas Steven Sarras....Steve M Sarras & Rhonda Lee DiBacco

## 1996 LATE RECORDINGS

## JANUARY

- 16 Bryan Richard Outerbridge ....John J. Outerbridge & Julie Ann Bates

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2001 DEATHS

#### JANUARY

2	Elizabeth A. Carbonara
3	Lucy Coleman Woodward
6	Nicolau Monteiro DeMacedo
6	Roger Llewelyn Owens
8	John (Giovanni) C. Giunta
15	Kerri Lynn Sullivan
14	Robert Edmond Copeland
16	Marion Morrison
16	Doris Washbrook
19	Myrtle E. Ledig
20	Andrew P. Ticchi
24	Gerald H. Miles
26	James W. Houston
27	Miriam L. Burke
27	Phyllis H. Bystrom
28	Carol A. Stankiewicz
31	Kenneth C. Nickerson

#### FEBRUARY

6	Margaret Jean Dole
12	Ralph G. Connors
12	Clyde J. Melendy
14	Lenine F. Daversa
25	Evelyn F. Zenavich

#### MARCH

4	Francis L. Reed
5	John Dzus
8	Helen R. Smith
9	Ella E. Davis
15	Joseph C. Berg
17	Agnes Mary St. Sauveur
18	Cira Gaita
19	David J. Cassidy, Jr.
21	Kenneth S. Sampson
26	Ronald T. Ferguson
29	Olive R. Clark

## APRIL

5	Ruth T. Anderson
6	Ruth Schultz
7	Rita R. Holcomb
8	Margaret E. Kirby
9	George O'Brien Merritt, Sr.
9	Mary Temple
9	Nicolina M. Umbrianna
13	Helen L. Bouldry
15	Dorothy Elaine Bedore
15	Helen L. Horne
15	Doris I. Tracey
17	Hazel E. Souther
19	Marie Angelina Dole
19	Frances Quattrochi
21	Carleton E. Hicks, Sr.
28	Marie L. Fournier
29	Gertrude Elizabeth Wright
30	Robert M. Dwyer, Sr.

## MAY

6	Ralph T. Morse
7	Mary C. Murphy
11	Frances Victoria Surette
11	John Henry Walsh, Jr.
16	Frank LaMarche
20	George James Tringali
22	John G. Carr
23	John E. Schleicher
24	Dorothy F. Pina
31	Edith Imogene Cox
31	Louise R. Maker

## JUNE

13	Joaquim R. Pires
15	John J. Kelley, Sr.
17	Vincent William Kuczin
19	Theresa M. Castano
23	Margaret Louise Turner
24	William E. Nickerson
26	Malcolm G. Davis
26	George E. Lawson
27	William Ernest Turner, Sr.



- 29 Agnes C. Pistone
- 29 Nellie D. DeSalvo
- 29 Bernice Fogg
- 30 Albert Western Willis

## JULY

- 9 Laurence F. Noonan
- 10 Joseph A. DiLoreto
- 11 Claudette Nancy Hayward
- 13 Philip Ciccolo
- 15 Mary Elizabeth Sears
- 20 Mary Louise Kent
- 21 Hans Paschel
- 26 Walter Bradford Bird
- 29 Catherine B. Wright
- 30 Esther Mary Strojny

## AUGUST

- 5 Karl H. Gronberg
- 8 Anthony Raymond Paparo
- 19 Alfred C. Carosi, Sr.
- 19 Lena B. Nortonen
- 24 Blanche Leola Flint
- 24 Ralph J. Theriault
- 26 Judyth Ann Kenneally
- 27 Susan P. Apostle
- 31 Edward Francis McGunnigle

## SEPTMEBER

- 7 Elizabeth Mary Fennessey
- 6 Gloria Irene Arena
- 10 Adele Agatha Hunter
- 10 Frederick Henry Smith
- 12 Persis B. Hunt
- 12 Anna Alice Woodward
- 13 Roberta J. Berry
- 13 Gerard R. Charron
- 16 Kathleen Marie Murad
- 28 Roberta Fleming
- 30 Gaetano Vella

## OCTOBER

9	Ruth Elizabeth Gray
10	Arthur Clifton Stevens
12	Elmer V. Mastrangelo
24	Gabriel Michael Stabile
25	Rosella L. Amaral
26	Anthony Krafton

## NOVEMBER

1	Mary Winifred Riley
10	Lester H. Noyes
10	Dorothy Verna Pennini
11	Alice M. Capece
11	Walter W. Mackiewicz
12	Alice G. Engstrom
19	Marie Jennie MacDonald
20	Angelina Bonner
21	Frances S. Churchill
22	George W. Dearing
23	Frances Cicchetti
25	Irene Milani
28	John R. Baker
30	Augustina Cavanaugh

## DECEMBER

1	Albert M. Greiner
3	Elizabeth Gertrude Kinney
6	Maureen Van Deusen
6	Liboria Williams
7	Marguerite Frances Perry
9	Helen J. Farley
11	John J. Daley
11	Esther K. Hermanson
12	Francis Richard Balboni
13	John A. Guinta
22	William A. Couite
23	Lillian Michael Abdou
26	Catherine M. Butler
26	Edwin Grover
27	Frances Mary Musto

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2001 MARRIAGES

#### JANUARY

- 1 Jeffrey Allen Rich of Taunton & Sheila Anne Haynes of Middleboro

#### FEBRUARY

- 14 Donald A. Rosebush of W. Bridgewater & Paula Ann Costa of W. Bridgewater

#### MARCH

- 10 Bradford W. Piesco of W. Bridgewater & Marie L. Pistorino of W. Bridgewater  
24 Paul H. Couite of W. Bridgewater & Kathleen S. Blake of W. Bridgewater

#### APRIL

- 7 Joseph Alibrandi of Brockton & Cheryl M. Sweeney of W. Bridgewater  
7 Aaron Paul Johnson of W. Bridgewater & Lisa M. Hogan of Stoughton  
13 James W. Scott of Whitman & GERALYNE RACICOT of Bridgewater  
14 Tudor A. Freeguard of W. Bridgewater & Lisa M. Paine of W. Bridgewater

#### MAY

- 5 Irwin S. Stillman of W. Bridgewater & Sandra A. Souza of W. Bridgewater  
5 Christopher N. Abbott of Wareham & Holly C Whittaker of Wareham  
18 Robert W. Boutilier of Plymouth & Suzanne E. Lively of Plymouth  
26 Thomas Edward Armand of W. Bridgewater & Karen Louise Gabbert of W. Bridgewater  
27 Michael Herve Letourneau of Taunton & Kara Faith Lieberman of Randolph

#### JUNE

- 2 Joao C. Monteiro of Brockton & Tara M. Grasso of Falmouth



## JULY

- 3 Mario J. Sousa of W. Bridgewater & Nina E. Eliasson-Parrott of W. Bridgewater
- 8 Arthur R. Donnelly of W. Bridgewater & Janine R. Ingraham of W. Bridgewater
- 20 Brian Michael Pepsak of W. Bridgewater & Lisa J. Scully of W. Bridgewater
- 21 Hiram M. Jones of W. Bridgewater & Theresa C. Foley of W. Bridgewater
- 22 Barry W. Beverley of W. Bridgewater & Tina Marie Yacura of W. Bridgewater

## AUGUST

- 11 Peter J. Spindler of Medford & Adrienne M. McPhee of W. Bridgewater
- 12 Scott Andrew Dunne of Norwich, CT & Michele Lynn Reagan of Norwich, CT
- 18 Kenneth J. Gormley of Mansfield & Kristin A. Regan of W. Bridgewater
- 18 Michael Scott Winkler of W. Bridgewater & Kerry Ann Russell of W. Bridgewater
- 19 Johel E. Torres of W. Bridgewater & Miriam D. Adler of W. Bridgewater
- 25 Richard J. Ferrara of W. Bridgewater & Kerri M Mathews of W. Bridgewater
- 25 Michael J. Gliniewicz of W. Bridgewater & Gina C. Trucchi of W. Bridgewater
- 25 Timothy M. Melvin of W. Bridgewater & Denise C. Nasson of W. Bridgewater
- 30 Shawn F. Eaton of Easton & Maria L Vieira of Easton

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 John C. Badavas of Raynham & Karen J. Kelley of Raynham
- 9 Marc S. Carrozza of W. Bridgewater & Michelle M. Peterson of W. Bridgewater
- 9 Steven Walter Hall of W. Bridgewater & Joanne Tassiopoulos of W. Bridgewater
- 15 Peter C. Lindsay of Brockton & Jane Ann Higgins of Brockton
- 16 Daniel W. Mattos of Raynham & Jodi E. Kincade of Raynham

## OCTOBER

- 6 Christopher M. Hatch of W. Bridgewater & Jessica L. Flanagan of W. Bridgewater
- 20 Patrick J. Collins of W. Bridgewater & Lynn A. Lucas of W. Bridgewater
- 20 Richard A. Mazzoli of W. Bridgewater & Nicole Ann Doherty of W. Bridgewater

**NOVEMBER**

- 2     Scott Arthur May of W. Bridgewater & Linda Ann Smith of W.  
       Bridgewater
- 3     Edward C. DeMolles, Jr. of W. Bridgewater & Rebeckah P. Howard of W.  
       Bridgewater
- 17    Daniel R. Kwash of W. Bridgewater & Christina M. Steinkrauss of E.  
       Weymouth

**DECEMBER**

NO MARRIAGES RECORDED

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION APRIL 14, 2001

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and the by-laws of the Town posted the Warrant on March 15, 2001, issued by the Board of Selectmen.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m. as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2,500 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 360 votes had been cast.

The following election workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Pauline Peterson, Helen Cronin and Helen Johnson, Checkers; Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Joan McAndrew, Eleanor Cadres, Meredith Lightfoot, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 25 assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment as part of a badge they were working on.

The election results were as follows:

SELECTMAN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Richard J. Freitas		248
Blanks		112

Richard J. Freitas declared elected

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
DeSales Heath		202
Barbara A. Roulstone		152
Blanks		6

DeSales Heath declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for Two	# of Votes
Three Years		
Nancy Maloney		227
William E. McCole		205
Blanks		289

Nancy Maloney & William E. McCole declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
Three Years		
John J. Connolly, Jr.		119
Howard W. Hayward		199



Blanks		42
	Howard W. Hayward declared elected	
PLANNING BOARD	Vote for One	
Five years		
Hugh R. Hurley		247
Blanks		113
	Hugh R. Hurley declared elected	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
James E. Benson		253
Beth Rogers		3
Blanks		464
	James E. Benson & Beth Rogers declared elected	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for One	
Two Years		
Joan F. Sheedy		264
Blanks		96
	Joan F. Sheedy declared elected	
TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for One	
One Year		
Thomas Driscoll		3
3Blanks		357
	Thomas Driscoll declared elected	
WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	
Three Years		
David L. Churchill		259
Blanks		101
	David L. Churchill declared elected	
HOUSING AUTHORITY	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Marion L. Leonard		276
Blanks		84
	Marion L. Leonard declared elected	
CONSTABLE	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Raymond L. Silva		235
Walter Thayer		254
Blanks		231
	Raymond L. Silva & Walter Thayer declared Elected	

A true copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Monday, June 11, 2001 – 7:00 PM**  
**West Bridgewater Senior/Junior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 30, 2001.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Fr. Edward McDonagh of St. Ann's Church gave the invocation. Boy Scouts of Troop 25, presented the colors. The Girl Scouts of West Bridgewater led the Pledge of Allegiance. Caryn Holmgren and Valerie Cabral sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 240 qualified voters present, the meeting proceeded as follows:

**MOVE:** That the Town consider Articles 1,2,5,6,7, 8 and 9, as printed on the Warrant, as a single "consent" article with: the upper limit on Article 5 established at \$21,000; the upper limit on Article 6 established at \$23,000; the upper limit on Article 7 established at \$4,000; the upper limit on Article 8 established at \$5,000 and the upper limit on Article 9 established at \$14,000.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Art. 1.** To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

**MOVE:** **THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2000 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Art. 2.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Art. 3.** To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001.

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YER BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001.

MODERATOR	\$ 285	TREE WARDEN	\$1,369
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	\$ 8,772	BOARD OF ASSESSORS	\$8,913
TOWN CLERK	\$45,045	WATER COMMISSIONERS	\$6,169
BOARD OF HEALTH	\$ 2,178		

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

AT 7:15 MOTION TO ADJOURN FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7:40 P.M., ANNUAL TOWN MEETING RESUMES

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2001 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$16,027,771 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2001 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$15,038,961 BE RAISED AND THE SUM OF \$988,810 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM ESTIMATED WATER REVENUE TO:	WATER DEPT.	638,976
FROM EMER. MEDICAL SERV. RECEIPTS TO:	FIRE DEPT.	331,700
FROM CONSERV. WETLANDS PROT. FUND TO:	CON. COMM	6,500
FROM ADDITIONAL LOTTERY FUNDS		11,634
	TOTAL:	988,810

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$21,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E ½, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$21,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS

\* Denotes Articles covered in Consent Article at beginning of Town Meeting.



**APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- \*Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$23,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E ½, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$23,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- \*Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E ½, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

- \*Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library

Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY2002 of \$5,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E ½, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY2002 OF \$5,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

\*Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$14,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E ½, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM, TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$14,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Clerk receive Longevity Pay which would be consistent with the Union known as the Southeastern Public Employees Association as follows: After 5 years, \$150; after 10 years, \$300; after 15 years, \$400; after 20 years, \$600; after 25 years, \$1050 and/or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN CLERK TO RECEIVE LONGEVITY PAY WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE UNION KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION AS FOLLOWS: AFTER 5 YEARS, \$150; AFTER 10, YEARS \$300; AFTER 15 YEARS, \$400; AFTER 20 YEARS, \$600; AFTER 25 YEARS, \$1,050.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to fund the longevity pay authorized in the preceding article for this year for the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$300 FOR LONGEVITY PAY FOR THE TOWN CLERK FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one (1) new cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one (1) old cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$28,506 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP ONE (1) NEW CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE (1) OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Selectmen as the Town match for a Police Department grant for the purchase of computers for police cruisers or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM ADDITIONAL LOTTERY AID THE SUM OF \$18,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS THE TOWN MATCH FOR A POLICE DEPARTMENT GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTERS FOR POLICE CRUISERS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a 14-passenger van for the Council on Aging Transportation program and to dispose of the present van in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$50,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A NEW 14-PASSENGER VAN FOR THE COUNCIL ON AGING TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND TO DISPOSE OF THE PRESENT VAN IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to acquire the services of a grant writer for grant proposals presented to the Selectmen on an as needed basis or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND THE SUM OF \$4,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE THE SERVICES OF A GRANT WRITER FOR GRANT PROPOSALS PRESENTED TO THE SELECTMEN ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to acquire architectural and engineering design services for the expansion and refurbishment of the Fire Station or to take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$75,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE FIRE STATION.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to continue to upgrade each Town Firefighter's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND THE SUM OF \$10,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE EACH TOWN FIREFIGHTER'S SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to continue to upgrade the Fire Department's Radio Equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$5,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RADIO EQUIPMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to replace the Fire Station Generator or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPLACE THE FIRE STATION GENERATOR.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a Kubota Tractor with mower deck and aerovator/seed box or its equivalent for the Forestry Department or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$28,045 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A KUBOTA TRACTOR WITH MOWER DECK AND AEROVATOR/SEED BOX OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to seal coat the DARE Basketball Courts or take any action relative thereto.

- MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND THE SUM OF \$3,791 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SEALCOAT THE D.A.R.E. BASKETBALL COURTS.**
- UPON VOTE,, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a one-ton dump truck with plow and sander for the Highway Department, or take any action relative thereto.
- MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$50,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A F550, 4WD DUMP TRUCK WITH PLOW AND SANDER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**
- UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase two 10' Baker Snow Plows or their equivalent for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.
- MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$10,200 AS FOLLOWS: FROM FREE CASH \$406; FROM ADDITIONAL LOTTERY AID, \$9,420 AND FROM THE RESERVE FUND \$374; FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO 10' BAKER SNOW PLOWS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**
- UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Town Accountant to begin to implement the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (aka GASB 34) in accordance with State directives or take any action relative thereto.
- MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$7,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT TO BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NUMBER 34 (AKA GASB 34) IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE DIRECTIVES.**
- UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow an additional sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to construct and build a new Town Hall Vault and additional Second Floor Access in Town Hall by means of an elevator and Second Set of Stairs or take any action relative thereto.
- MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$170,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONSTRUCT AND BUILD A NEW TOWN HALL VAULT AND ADDITIONAL SECOND FLOOR ACCESS IN TOWN HALL BY MEANS OF AN ELEVATOR AND SECOND SET OF STAIRS.**
- UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to upgrade/replace and install computers throughout the school system or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE RESERVE FUND THE SUM OF \$40,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO UPGRADE/REPLACE AND INSTALL COMPUTERS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to do a full depth reconstruction of the Parking Lot, loading dock area and entry road into Rose L. MacDonald School or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$85,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO DO A FULL DEPTH RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PARKING LOT, LOADING DOCK AREA AND ENTRY ROAD INTO ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to replace the generator at the Rose L. MacDonald School or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$33,585 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO REPLACE THE GENERATOR AT THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to continue to upgrade/replace print and non-print materials for the Library in the Middle/Senior High School to continue implementing the recommendations of the NEASC visiting committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM ADDITIONAL LOTTERY AID THE SUM OF \$44,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE/REPLACE PRINT AND NON-PRINT MATERIALS FOR THE LIBRARY IN THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO CONTINUE IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NEASC VISITING COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the design, remodeling, refurbishing and upgrading of the Junior/Senior High School, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen and overseen by the Municipal Building Needs Committee and members of the School Committee or their representatives or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT \$900,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE DESIGN, REMODELING, REFURBISHING AND UPGRADING OF THE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH**



**SCHOOL; AND TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION, THE TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$900,000 UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS OR CHAPTER 70B OF THE GENERAL LAWS AS AMENDED; AND FURTHER THAT THE FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND OVERSEEN BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVES.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund municipal building repairs approved by the Municipal Building Needs Committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM ADDITIONAL LOTTERY AID THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS, APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$15,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to construct a building in the Manley Street area and equip it with pumps, meters, tanks, controls or any other equipment to be used for an iron removal program, and construct a replacement well or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$1,800,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING IN THE MANLEY STREET AREA AND EQUIP IT WITH PUMPS, METERS, TANKS, CONTROLS OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR AN IRON REMOVAL PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCT A REPLACEMENT WELL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase and install two new propane tanks for well stations or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$3,357 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO**

**PURCHASE AND INSTALL TWO NEW PROPANE TANKS FOR WELL STATIONS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a portable computer for the Water Van or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$6,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE A PORTABLE COMPUTER FOR THE WATER VAN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 36. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorized by Article 32 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 5, 2000 of \$21,500 for a Gate Valve Operator and instead vote to transfer said amount from Water Surplus to pay for said Gate Valve Operator or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE BORROWING AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 32 AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2000 OF \$21,500 FOR A GATE VALVE OPERATOR AND INSTEAD TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$21,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PAY FOR SAID GATE VALVE OPERATOR.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorized by Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting of June 5, 2000 of \$35,000 for an Iron Removal Study and instead vote to transfer said amount from Water Surplus to pay for the Iron Removal Study or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RESCIND THE BORROWING AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 33 AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 5, 2000 OF \$35,000 FOR AN IRON REMOVAL STUDY AND INSTEAD VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$35,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PAY FOR THE IRON REMOVAL STUDY.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 44B, Sections 3-7, known as the Community Preservation Act, which establishes a special "Community Preservation Fund" that may be appropriated, and spent for certain open space, historic resources and affordable housing purposes, to approve a property tax surcharge in an amount not to exceed three percent of the taxes assessed annually on real property which shall be dedicated to the fund, such surcharge to be imposed on taxes assessed for fiscal years beginning on or after July 1, 2001, and to exempt from the surcharge any or all of the following (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the community (2) Class Three Commercial and Class Four, Industrial, property in any year the town adopts a higher tax rate for those classes or (3) \$100,000 of the assessed valuation of Class One, Residential, parcels, or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN HEREBY ACCEPTS SECTIONS 3 AND 7, INCLUSIVE OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT, BY APPROVING A SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES PERMITTED BY SAID ACT, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, THE ACQUISITION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE, THE CREATION, PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND THE REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF SUCH OPEN SPACE, HISTORIC RESOURCES, LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING THAT IS ACQUIRED OR CREATED AS PROVIDED UNDER SAID ACT; THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE 2% OF THE ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY AGAINST REAL PROPERTY; AND THAT THE TOWN HEREBY ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS FROM SUCH SURCHARGE PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 3(e) OF SAID ACT; PROPERTY OWNED AND OCCUPIED AS A DOMICILE BY ANY PERSON WHO QUALIFIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING OR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME SENIOR HOUSING IN THE TOWN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF SAID ACT, CLASS THREE, COMMERCIAL, AND CLASS FOUR, INDUSTRIAL, PROPERTIES AS DEFINED IN G.L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 2A; AND \$100,000 OF THE VALUE OF EACH TAXABLE PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY.**

UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED: 49-YES; 92-NO

Art. 39. To see if the Town will vote to decrease the number of School Committee persons from six (6) to five (5) as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41, Section 2 by electing one (1) new member at the next town election for a term of three (3) years, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DECREASE THE NUMBER OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE PERSONS FROM SIX (6) TO FIVE (5) AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 41, SECTION 2 BY ELECTING ONE (1) NEW MEMBER AT THE NEXT TOWN ELECTION FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Art. 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws (Article 26 of the Town of West Bridgewater's By-Laws) by making the following changes:

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ZONING BY-LAWS  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

1.0. PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION

1.1.1. The purpose of this By-law is to achieve the objectives of the Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, as amended, as presented in Section 2A of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, which states the purposes of this act are to facilitate, encourage, and foster the adoption and modernization of zoning ordinances and by-laws by municipal governments in accordance with the provisions of Article 90 of the Amendments to the Constitution



and to achieve greater implementation of the powers granted to municipalities thereunder. This act is designed to provide standardized procedures for the administration and promulgation of municipal zoning laws. These objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

2.0. DEFINITIONS

2.1. Terms and Words

Add the following terms and words and renumber them in alphabetical order.

Office: The building, rooms, or series of rooms in which the affairs of a business or professional person are conducted.

Principal Building: A building in which is conducted the principal use of the lot on which it is located.

Restaurant: An establishment where food and beverages are prepared and served to patrons.

Retail: The sale of goods or articles individually or in small quantities directly to the consumer.

Trailer: A portable structure built on a chassis designed as a dwelling for travel, recreation or vacation use.

2.1.1.50. Setback: The minimum horizontal distance between the street or property line and any part of the structure nearest the street or property line.

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

3.1.1. The Town of West Bridgewater is hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

General Residential and Farming District  
Business District  
Industrial District  
Flood Plain District (Overlay District)  
Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District)

4.0. USE REGULATIONS

4.4. Table of Use Regulations:

Educational, Religious, Institutional, and Recreational Uses

Add Day Care Center as a use permitted in every zoning district.

5.0. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS

5.1. Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements

5.1.1. The requirements for each district pertaining to minimum lot size, minimum lot frontage, minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks,

percentage of building coverage, maximum height of buildings and structures, and the maximum front, side and rear yard setbacks of accessory buildings are those specified in the following Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements.

#### TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS.

(Remains the same as in existing By-law)

5.1.2. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit the erection or placing of any permitted building on any lot containing less than the minimum required area, but at least 5,000 square feet and 50 feet of frontage, if such lot did not, on the effective date of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-laws (March 12, 1957) adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in connection with said lot. Any permitted building to be erected on such a lot must nonetheless satisfy the setback requirements.

5.1.3. The minimum lot width as required by Section 5.1.1. (Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements) shall not apply to lots on a cul-de-sac which can be shown to contain a minimum of 50 feet of frontage and a square measuring 120 feet by 120 feet, the nearest part of which is within 150 feet of the street lot line and the said square, and provided, however, that at no point between the street lot line and the said square is the distance between the side lot line less than the required frontage ( diagrams A & B on file in the Town Clerk's office).

#### 5.1.4. Other Dimensional and Density Provisions

a. Except for business or industrial development, community facilities, public utilities, and uses controlled by special permit procedures, no more than one principal building shall be permitted on a lot.

b. On a lot having frontage on more than one street, there shall be a setback (depth) for the district in which each street frontage is located.

c. Projections into required yards are not permitted except as follows:

1. Balcony or bay window may project up to two (2) feet into a required yard setback, provided the projection is limited in total length to one-half the length of the building face.

2. Decks, steps, stoops, window sills, chimneys, roof eaves, fire escapes, awnings or similar architectural features may project not more than five (5) feet into the required yard setback.

#### 6.0. GENERAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING ALL DISTRICTS

##### 6.1. Non-Conforming Use of Land or Structures

6.1.1. Any structure or use lawfully in existence or lawfully begun or for which a building permit or special permit has been issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on the adoption of this By-law or any amendment thereto and which does not conform to this By-law or any amendment thereto shall be deemed to be a non-conforming use. The lawful use of any structure or land existing at the time of the adoption

of this By-law or any amendment thereto may continue except as may be otherwise provided.

6.1.2. Any lawful use of land or a structure for which a building or special permit was issued prior to the first publication of notice of the public hearing on the adoption of this By-law or any amendment thereto, which provisions, when adopted, by their terms prohibit such use, may be commenced, provided, in the case of a use of a structure permitted by such a building permit or special permit, the construction of such structure commences within six months after the date on which such building or special permit is issued and is continued through to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable, and further, in the case of a use permitted by such a special permit, which requires no construction under a building permit, such use commences within six months after the date on which such special permit is issued.

6.1.3. This By-law and any amendment thereto shall apply to any change or substantial extension of a lawfully existing non-conforming use, to a building or special permit issued after the first notice of public hearing on this By-law or any amendment thereto; to any reconstruction, extension or structural change of a lawfully existing non-conforming use; and to any alteration of a structure begun after the first notice of said public hearing to provide for its use for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent except where alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to a single or two-family residential structure does not increase the non-conforming nature of said structure.

6.1.4. A valid pre-existing, non-conforming single family, or two family, residential structure may be extended or altered as a matter of right if such extension or alteration takes place within the existing (so-called) "footprint" of the building and no variation of any other provision of the zoning by-law is required. Other valid pre-existing, non-conforming single family, or two family residential structures or uses may be extended or altered, provided that no such extension or alteration shall be permitted unless authorized by the issuance of a special permit by the Board of Appeals in which it shall find that such change, extension or alteration shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing non-conforming use to the neighborhood.

6.1.5. Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements of the By-law shall not apply to a lot for single and two-family residential use which at the time of recording or endorsement, whichever occurs sooner, was not held in common ownership with any adjoining land, conformed to then existing requirements and had less than the proposed requirement but at least five thousand square feet of area and fifty feet of frontage. Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements of the By-law shall not apply for a period of five years from its effective date or for five years after January 1, 1976, whichever is later, to a lot for single and two-family residential use, provided the plan for such lot was recorded or endorsed and such lot was held in common ownership with any adjoining land and conformed to the existing zoning requirements as of January 1, 1976, and had less area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements but contained at least seven thousand five hundred square feet of area and seventy-five feet of frontage, and provided that said five



year period does not commence prior to January 1, 1976, and provided further that the provisions of this sentence shall not apply to more than three of such adjoining lots held in common ownership. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit a lot being built upon, if at the time of the building, building upon such lot is not prohibited by the By-law.

6.1.6. If a non-conforming use of land or structure is either abandoned or not used for any reason for more than two (2) years, it may not be resumed except by a special permit issued by the Board of Appeals.

6.1.7. The provisions of Section 6.1.4. above shall not apply to billboards, signs and other advertising devices subject to the provisions of Section 29 through 33, inclusive, of Chapter 93 of the General Laws, and to Chapter 93D of the General Laws or to establishments which display live nudity for their patrons, as defined in Section 9A, adult bookstores, adult motion picture theaters, adult paraphernalia shops, or adult video stores subject to the provisions of Section 9A.

#### 6.2.3 Change, Extension or Alteration

6.2.3.1 Non-conforming structures or uses may be changed, extended or altered, provided that (replace existing section a. with the following):

a. A lawful non-conforming residential building that is due to insufficient frontage and lot area may be enlarged by up to 25% by right and without site plan review, and buildings accessory thereto may be rebuilt by right, and without site plan review, provided that all new principal and accessory buildings and structures, and enlargements to lawful non-conforming buildings and structures are within present side, rear and front setback minimum requirements and do not exceed applicable lot coverage as set forth in Section 5.2.1

#### 8.4 WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

8.4.4. Location: Wireless communications facilities shall be allowed only on land located in the Industrial Zoning District.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER'S ZONING BY-LAWS (ARTICLE 26 OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER TOWN BY-LAWS) BY MAKING THE CHANGES AS PUBLISHED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS TABLED TO THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

The hour being past 11:00 p.m., motion was made to continue with town meeting.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN MEETING CONTINUES THIS EVENING.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Art. 41. To see if the Town will vote to rezone a tract of land on the easterly side of North Main Street from a "Business District" to "General Residential and Farming District", said land being bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point five hundred feet (500') east of the center line of North Main Street, running easterly along the West Bridgewater and Brockton Line to the Salisbury Plain River, southeasterly by the river to the easterly sideline of the electric transmission easement; thence, southerly by said line to the northerly line of the land of West Bridgewater; thence, westerly by said land and continuing in a straight line to a point five hundred feet (500') easterly of the center line of North Main Street; thence, northerly along the business zone to the southerly boundary of Map 12, Lot 5, Assessors' map; thence, westerly and northerly along the westerly boundary lines of said Map 12, Lot 5, to the point of beginning, including access roads as depicted on the zoning map on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REZONE A TRACT OF LAND ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF NORTH MAIN STREET FROM A "BUSINESS DISTRICT" TO "GENERAL RESIDENTIAL AND FARMING DISTRICT" AS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS TABLED TO THE NEXT TOWN MEETING

**Art. 42.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2.1 of the Town's Zoning By-Laws by deleting the current language thereof and substituting the following language therefor:

"3.2.1. Zoning Map. Except for the Flood Plain District (Overlay District) and the Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District), the location and boundaries of the Zoning Districts are hereby established as shown on a map, entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater", dated May 16, 2001, signed by the Planning Board and filed with the office of the Town Clerk, which map, together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-Law. Changes may be made in the zoning district boundaries and other matter shown on the Zoning Map in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws. Whenever any such change is made, the Town Clerk shall provide for such revision to be made on the Zoning Map within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment, but no delay in updating the Zoning Map shall effect the validity and application of such amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Zoning Map and the records of the Town Meetings at which the changes and additions to the Zoning Map were made, such records shall take precedence." Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 3.2.1 OF THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS BY DELETING THE CURRENT LANGUAGE THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THE LANGUAGE PUBLISHED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED TO TABLE TO NEXT TOWN MEETING

**Art. 43.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.6.3.2. of the Town's Zoning By-Laws by deleting the current language thereof and substituting the following language therefor:

"4.6.3.2. The boundaries of the Water Resource Protection District Zone and Subzones are delineated on a map at a scale of 1 inch = 1000 feet. This map, as it may be amended

from time to time, is entitled "Water Resource Protection District, Town of West Bridgewater", is dated May 16, 2001, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-Law. These boundaries reflect the best hydrogeologic information available as of the date of the map. In the event of a discrepancy between the map and the criteria that follow, the criteria shall control."

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 4.6.3.2 OF THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS BY DELETING THE CURRENT LANGUAGE THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THE LANGUAGE PUBLISHED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Art. 44. To conduct any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

A true copy, Attest:

  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2001 – 7:15 PM**

**West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2001 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the town vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,600 to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2001:

From:	Insurances	14,000
	Interest on Short Term Debt	17,000
	Benefits	<u>69,600</u>
		\$100,600
To:	Town Counsel	20,100
	Snow Budget	62,000
	Street Lighting	2,500
	Solid Waste Budget	<u>16,000</u>
		\$100,600

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which permits the Town to impose a lien on real property located within the Town for any local charge or fee designated herein that has not been paid by the due date. Said lien shall be known as the "municipal charges lien" and shall be imposed for the following types of charges and fees: non-criminal violations issued by various Town enforcement persons in accordance with Article XL, Section 5 of the Town's By-Laws that are not paid within the twenty day appeal period; false alarms levied by the Police Department or the Fire Department; police details; dishonored checks tendered to the Town; and monthly license fees assessed to mobile home park owners or operators under the provisions of Chapter 140, Section 32G of the General Laws. A lien imposed under said Section 58 may be discharged by recording in the registry of deeds a certificate obtained from the office of Treasurer-Collector indicating that all municipal charges or fees constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs therein, have been paid or legally abated. The fee for such certificate from the office of Treasurer-Collector shall be twenty-five dollars. All costs of recording or discharging a lien under said Section 58 shall be borne by the owner of the property or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: That the vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws, which permits the town to impose a lien on real property located within the town for any local charge or fee designated herein that has not been paid by the due date. Said lien shall be known as the "municipal charges lien" and shall be imposed for the following types of charges and fees: non-criminal violations issued by various town enforcement persons in accordance with Article XL, Section 5 of the Town's By-laws that are not paid within the twenty day appeal period; false alarms levied by the Police Department or the Fire Department; police details; dishonored checks tendered to the Town; and monthly license fees assessed to mobile home park owners or operators under the provisions of chapter 140, Section 32G of the General Laws. A lien imposed under said Section 58 may be discharged by recording in the Registry of Deeds a certificate obtained from the

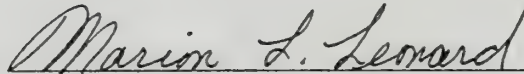
office of Treasurer-Collector indicating that all municipal charges or fees constituting the lien, together with any interest and costs therein, have been paid or legally abated. The fee for such certificate from the office of Treasurer-Collector shall be twenty-five dollars. All costs of recording or discharging a lien under said Section 58 shall be borne by the owner of the property.

UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED, 86-YES; 99-NO

Art. 3. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:40 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest:



Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2001  
MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
7:00 PM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva, on November 26, 2001.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 90 qualified voters and 24 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Art. 1            To see if the Town will vote to return to the regional school district agreement method of allocating the sum of each district's required local contribution for the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School's FY2003 budget in accordance with MGL Chapter 71, Section 16B (paragraph 4) or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RETURN TO THE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT METHOD OF ALLOCATING THE SUM OF EACH DISTRICT'S REQUIRED LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL'S FY2003 BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 71, SECTION 16B (PARAGRAPH 4).**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Art. 2            To see if the Town will vote to rezone a tract of land on the easterly side of North Main Street from a "Business District" to "General Residential and Farming District", said land being bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point five hundred feet (500') east of the center line of North Main Street, running easterly along the West Bridgewater and Brockton Line to the Salisbury Plain River, southeasterly by the river to the easterly sideline of the electric transmission easement; thence, southerly by said line to the northerly line of the land of West Bridgewater; thence, westerly by said land and continuing in a straight line to a point five hundred feet (500') easterly of the center line of North Main Street; thence, northerly along with the business zone to the southerly boundary of Map 12, Lot 5, Assessors' map; thence, westerly and northerly along the westerly boundary lines of said Map 12, Lot 5, to the point of beginning, including access roads as depicted on the zoning map on file in the Town Clerk's office.  
Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            TO PASS WITH OUT ACTION**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION TO PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

Art. 3            To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2.1 of the Town's Zoning By Laws by deleting the current language thereof and substituting the following language therefor.

**"3.2.1. Zoning Map.** Except for the Flood Plain District (Overlay District) and the Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District), the location and boundaries of the Zoning Districts are hereby established as shown on a map, entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater" dated May 16, 2001, signed by the Planning Board and filed with the office of the Town Clerk, which map, together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-Law.



Changes may be made in the zoning district boundaries and other matter shown on the Zoning Map in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws. Whenever any such change is made, the Town Clerk shall provide for such revision to be made on the Zoning Map within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment, but no delay in updating the Zoning Map shall effect the validity and application of such amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Zoning Map and the records of the Town Meetings at which the changes and additions to the Zoning Map were made, such records shall take precedence."

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to meet the Town's share of matching funds for a grant received by the State to prepare a preservation and maintenance plan for the War Memorial Park or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF MATCHING FUNDS AND TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$30,000 IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMBURSEMENT FROM A STATE GRANT, TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PREPARE A PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE WAR MEMORIAL PARK.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Art. 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for conducting a Town-Wide Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan, including a Supplemental Environmental Project for Town facilities, for the purpose of determining water resource management needs and developing recommendations to meet those needs; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust in accordance with the provisions of Chapters 44 and/or 29C of the General Laws or otherwise; to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners and/or Board of Selectmen to take this action or any other action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE THAT \$200,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A TOWN-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDING A SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT FOR TOWN FACILITIES, AND FURTHER INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS, AS MOST RECENTLY AMENDED BY ST. 1998, C.78; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$200,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFORE UNDER CHAPTER 44 OF THE GENERAL LAWS AND/OR CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS, AS MOST RECENTLY AMENDED BY ST. 1998, C.78; THAT SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN UNLESS THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, DETERMINES THAT THEY SHOULD BE ISSUED AS LIMITED OBLIGATIONS AND MAY BE SECURED BY LOCAL SYSTEM REVENUES AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C, AS MOST RECENTLY AMENDED BY ST. 1998, C. 78; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE**

**MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST  
ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C, AS MOST RECENTLY  
AMENDED BY ST. 1998, C. 78; AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO  
ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT  
WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE TO CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST  
AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH  
RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID  
AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF;  
THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A  
PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE  
FOR THE PROJECT AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO  
CARRY OUT THE PROJECT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.**

**Art. 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow an additional sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to construct and build a new Town Hall Vault and additional second floor access in Town Hall by means of an elevator and second set of stairs or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW AN ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$60,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONSTRUCT AND BUILD A NEW TOWN HALL VAULT AND ADDITIONAL SECOND FLOOR ACCESS IN TOWN HALL BY MEANS OF AN ELEVATOR AND SECOND SET OF STAIRS.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE**

**Art. 7** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Police Department for the purchase of new packet cluster laptop computers for police cruisers, such sum to be added to funds appropriated under Article 13 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 2001 for a Town match for a Federal Grant for such equipment that has not materialized or to take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$12,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF NEW PACKET CLUSTER LAPTOP COMPUTERS FOR POLICE CRUISERS, SUCH SUM TO BE ADDED TO FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 2001 FOR A TOWN MATCH FOR A FEDERAL GRANT FOR SUCH EQUIPMENT THAT HAS NOT MATERIALIZED.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Art. 8** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one new unmarked car for the police department or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP ONE NEW UNMARKED CAR FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



Art. 9            To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to pay the Town's share of the matching funds for the WEB Task Force Grant or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$10,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PAY THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE WEB TASK FORCE GRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 10           To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding "Article XLVI: Lock Boxes for Fire Department use only" as printed below:

Sec. 1: All new non-residential or business construction shall install a locking key box, of a type approved by, and at a location on each building to be designated by the Chief of the Fire Department, or by any person the Chief may delegate said authority in writing.

Sec. 2: Any area of an agricultural, or business property that is normally protected by use of locked gates, shall install either a pad lock keyed to the secure fire department key, or locking key box on each gate. Any property that uses an electronic security lock or gate shall be required to provide to the Fire Chief or his designee, an override switch that operates by use of the secure key held by the Fire Department.

Sec. 3: Any occupancy governed by this by-law which uses Hazardous materials regulated by state or federal law, shall be required to install a key-vault capable of containing a complete set of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), and to maintain a complete set of MSDS in said vault. Each set of MSDS shall be reviewed annually with a representative of the fire department to assure current information is available.

Sec. 4: All occupancies governed by this by-law shall be required to provide the fire department with a master key or complete set of keys to the occupancy, to be placed within the key box on the property. Whenever any occupancy governed by this by-law changes ownership or changes locks, they shall notify the fire department immediately and provide the new keys within 7 working days.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN'S GENERAL BY-LAWS BY ADDING "ARTICLE XLVI: LOCK BOXES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY" AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.**

Art. 11           To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of the ladder fire truck currently leased to the Town pursuant to the vote of the Town passed November 8, 1999 (Article 6) and further to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise or to take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$337,063 TO PURCHASE THE LADDER FIRE TRUCK CURRENTLY LEASED TO THE TOWN PURSUANT TO THE VOTE OF THE TOWN PASSED NOVEMBER 8, 1999 (ARTICLE 6).**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**



Art. 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to lower the Town's debt by paying down the following:

Art. 25	ATM 6/5/00	School Nurses Office	(7,500)
Art. 26	ATM 6/5/00	High School Guidance	(9,000)
Art. 15	ATM 6/7/99	ALS Billing System	(6,000)
Art. 23	ATM 6/7/99	MacDonald School Furniture	(21,825)
Art. 24	ATM 6/7/99	High School Intercom	(815)
Art. 25	ATM 6/7/99	RLM Fire Alarm	(2,000)
Art. 34	ATM 6/7/99	Used Backhoe	(10,000)

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE FOLLOWING SUMS TO LOWER THE TOWN'S DEBT BY PAYING DOWN THE FOLLOWING:**

Art. 25	ATM 6/5/00	School Nurses Office	\$7,500
Art. 26	ATM 6/5/00	High School Guidance	\$9,000
Art. 15	ATM 6/7/99	ALS Billing System	\$6,000
Art. 23	ATM 6/7/99	MacDonald School Furniture	\$21,825
Art. 24	ATM 6/7/99	High School Intercom	\$815
Art. 25	ATM 6/7/99	RLM Fire Alarm	\$2,000
Art. 34	ATM 6/7/99	Used Backhoe	\$10,000

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to upgrade the RAM and flash memory, IOS Software and purchase a 3-year service contract for the CISCO network router located in the Howard School "computer core closet" or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET (3200) THE SUM OF \$8,700 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO UPGRADE THE RAM AND FLASH MEMORY, IOS SOFTWARE AND PURCHASE A THREE-YEAR SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE CISCO NETWORK ROUTER LOCATED IN THE HOWARD SCHOOL "COMPUTER CORE CLOSET".**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Art. 14 To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and maintenance or take any action relative thereto. (Chapter 235 of the Acts of 1999.)

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$83,293 IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE-AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS APPROVED BY THE STATE LEGISLATURE FOR THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER IN CHAPTER 53 OF THE ACTS OF 1999.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to add to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$50,000 TO BE PLACED IN THE TOWN'S STABILIZATION FUND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MASS. GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 40, SECTION 5B.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Art. 16 To see if the Town will vote to establish a new set of fees for sealing, weighing and measuring devices as listed below:

**Fee Schedules – Department of Weights and Measures**

<u>Scales and Balances</u>	<b>PRESENT (1998)</b>	<b>PROPOSED (2002)</b>
Over 10,000 pounds	\$60.00	\$75.00
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	\$40.00	50.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	\$30.00	35.00
100 to 1,000 pounds	\$15.00	20.00
10 to 100 pounds	\$10.00	12.00
Under 10 pounds	\$ 7.00	10.00
<u>Weights</u>		
Avoirdupois	.60	1.00
Metric	.60	1.00
Apothecary	.60	1.00
Troy	.60	1.00
<u>Capacity Measures</u>		
<u>Vehicle Tanks</u>		
Each Indicator	\$ 8.00	10.00
Each 100 Gallons or fraction	\$ 4.00	5.00
<u>Liquid</u>		
Inlet ½ inch or less Oil, Grease	\$ 6.00	7.00
Inlet more than ½ to 1 inch		
Gasoline or Diesel Fuel	\$12.00	15.00
Inlet more than 1 inch		
Vehicle Tank Pump	\$24.00	28.00
Vehicle Tank Gravity	\$30.00	35.00
Bulk Storage	\$60.00	60.00
Company Supplies Prover	\$30.00	30.00
<u>Pumps</u>		
Each Stop on Pump	\$ 2.00	2.00
<u>Other Devices</u>		
Taxi Meters	\$15.00	20.00
Odometer – Hubodometer	\$15.00	20.00
Leather Measuring (Semi-An.)	\$ 7.00	8.00
Fabric Measuring	\$ 7.00	8.00
Wire – Rope – Cordage	\$ 7.00	8.00
Container Redemption Mach.	\$10.00	10.00
<u>Linear Measures</u>		
Yard Sticks	1.00	2.00
Metal Rules	1.00	2.00
Tapes	3.00	3.00
<u>Milk Jars</u> (per gross)	10.00	10.00
<u>Scanner System</u>		

(Chapter 295, Acts of 1998, General Laws of the Commonwealth)The following have already been approved by vote of the Town.

1 to 3 Scanners	75.00
4 to 11 Scanners	150.00
12 or more Scanners	250.00

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SET OF FEES FOR SEALING, WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES AS LISTED ON THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 17 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners for a new pressure washer for hydrants and trucks or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$2,800 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS FOR A NEW PRESSURE WASHER FOR HYDRANTS AND TRUCKS.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY.**

Art. 18 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a new portable air compressor and related equipment including hoses and jack hammers or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$12,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE A NEW PORTABLE AIR COMPRESSOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT INCLUDING HOSES AND JACK HAMMERS.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 19 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow an additional sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to construct a building and equip it with pumps, meters, tanks, controls and any other equipment to be used in a corrosion control treatment program or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING AND EQUIP IT WITH PUMPS, METERS, TANKS, CONTROLS AND ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED IN A CORROSION CONTROL TREATMENT PROGRAM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Art. 20 To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Richard Heath, Finance Committee Chairman, informed the voters that there are two openings on the Finance Committee. Any interested person should write a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen.



MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:25 PM, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

*Marion L. Leonard*

A true copy, Attest: Marion L. Leonard  
Town Clerk

CHIEF OF POLICE  
W. KOMINSKY

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*Town of West Bridgewater*  
*Police Department*  
*West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379*



January 31, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police for the Year 2001.

The Police Department would like to take this time to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, most of all, the citizens for their support of the Police Department's efforts to keep our community safe. In an effort to keep the community informed of what is going on, this year we have introduced a Police Department WEB page. [WBPD.Com](http://WBPD.Com). Officer Michael Cummings is in charge of this site and done an outstanding job designing and maintaining this site. Within these pages you can view the police log and receive any town wide warnings of suspicious activities that the department is aware. Those of you that are interested may sign on to our mailing list to receive articles of interest that the department sends out.

The Police Department has maintained level staffing since 1997, while the town's population and calls for service have grown. A new face has been added with the appointment of Thomas Richmond as a fulltime officer. Officer Richmond will fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Walter Thayer. Walter served the Town of West Bridgewater since 1968 and his professionalism will be missed.

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2001.

Homicides.....	0
Larceny.....	142
Arrest (Total).....	810
Protective Custody.....	59
Assault.....	11
Robbery.....	2
Breaks (Residential & Commercial).....	34
Rapes.....	3
Attempted Rapes.....	0
Indecent Assaults & Battery.....	1
Operating Under the Influence.....	100
Open & Gross Lewdness.....	0
Child Abuse.....	3
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Issued.....	31
Domestic Abuse Calls.....	24

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Officers Assaulted.....	2
Vehicles Stolen.....	9
Vehicles Recovered.....	31
Vandalism.....	71
Alarms Answered.....	840
911 Calls Received.....	1635
Total calls for Service.....	12,111

#### TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....	253
Fatal.....	2
Non Investigated Accidents.....	244

#### CITATIONS

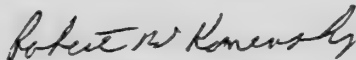
Warnings.....	1027
Civil Violations.....	1862
Arrest.....	265
Criminal Violations.....	89
Total Violations.....	3545



MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2001

Pistol Permit & F.I.D.issued.....	3,170.00
License to Sell Firearm & Ammunition.....	0
Receipts from copies of Police Reports.....	1,969.00
Parking Fines.....	2,084.08
Brockton District Court fines.....	142,852.00
Fines from Registry of Motor Vehicles	<u>90,150.00</u>
Total Fines Collected.....	235,086.08
 10% Surcharge Collected from Outside details.....	11,781.37
Alarm Billing Collected.....	10,200.00
 Total Monies Collected.....	262,206.45

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert W. Kominsky,  
Chief

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January 31, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2000.

Licensed Dogs	871
Number taken to court for unlicensed Dogs	36
Number of Animal Related Calls	395
Dog fines collected	\$1,250.00
Kennel Costs	\$2,695.00
Animal Officers Cost	\$1,620.00
Court fines collected	\$1,910.00

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Kominsky  
Chief

RWK/jma



# TOWN of WEST BRIDGEWATER

## FIRE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

99 WEST CENTER STREET

WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

OFFICE OF  
WARD T. HUNT  
CHIEF

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2001.

### Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fifteen (15) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fourteen (14) full time members, seven (7) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, three (3) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, five (5) members are trained at the EMT-D level, one (1) is trained at the EMT-Paramedic level and is also a physician, and seven (7) are trained at the first responder level.

### Apparatus

Engine #1, a 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Rescue #1, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drive (government surplus) pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 1993 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

### Statistical Report

During 2001, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand and fifty incidents (2050). Of this figure, one thousand and one (1001) calls were for fire related incidents. The remaining calls, One thousand and forty nine (1049), were for emergency medical services. For the fourth year in a row, our run statistics continue to increase. Between January and December, the ambulance returned just over three hundred and twenty four thousand dollars (\$324,000.00) in revenue.



## **Training**

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson and Captain Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department trains or "drills" on the second Monday of each month with our firefighters, and the third Tuesday of each month for our emergency medical personnel. These emergency medical training sessions are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

## **Inspections**

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Fire Marshal. At this time I would like to publicly thank our new building inspector, Mr. Joseph Vasapollo, for his outstanding cooperation with this department on a daily basis.

## **Requests and Recommendations**

I am again requesting that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to sixteen, including myself, and will give us four firefighters on all but one of the four working groups. Over the past several years we have experienced more and more "back to back" calls, and have found that these are more easily handled by the four man groups. The three man groups must wait for additional personnel to respond to the station from other locations, be it home or elsewhere, and the delay in responding to the 2<sup>nd</sup> incident has, at times, been unacceptable. In this business, responding to incidents in a timely manner can, and has, made the difference between life and death.

I am also requesting that we continue the third year of upgrading and replacing our firefighters self-contained breathing apparatus and our third year of upgrading and replacing our radio equipment.

We must take a serious look this year at replacing our front line pumping engine, which is 24 years old. This truck failed its annual pump test and can not be repaired. The company that made the pump is no longer in business, nor is the company that manufactured the truck. Replacement parts, due to the age involved, are no longer available. I can no longer guarantee the reliability of this truck when it may be needed most.

I am well aware that the cost of replacing any fire apparatus is high, but I am also aware that it is not something we do often and, once accomplished, will not have to be done again for another 25 to 30 years.

I need to express a special thanks this year to my Deputy Chief, Richard W. Gibson, for the way in which he oversaw the operation of the department during the last few months of 2001. During my absence, after surgery in November, the department ran smoothly and efficiently, and he is publicly commended for his leadership.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and their staff for the continued support of this office, as well as all the other department heads and their personnel for their continued cooperation with this department.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my other officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt  
Chief



**Town of West Bridgewater**  
OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, Massachusetts 02379

JOHN W. NOYES  
DONALD ASACK  
DAVID CHURCHILL

January 01, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2001.

During the year a total of 226,467,323 gallons of water were pumped. This is 16,251,997 gallons less than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on August 09, 2001 when 1,212,945 gallons were pumped. The largest month was May with 26,036,917 gallons pumped. The largest week was May 8-May 14 with 7,519,009 gallons being pumped.

With 226,467,323 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,069,712 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 227,537,035 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 623,389 gallons.

Over the past year 27 new services were installed. Our number of services now totals 2,542.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 786 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department once again has spent the year constructing the towns third corrosion control facility at Station 1 on Cyr Street. This project has taken much more time and money then first anticipated due to the fact D.E.P. changed its regulations and ordered us to attach the new building to the existing pumping station doubling the cost of the project. Once again we have been able to save the



rate payers thousands of dollars using our own highly skilled personnel.

The Water Department's crew continued with their meter replacement program. We installed the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings into our computer. The meters give us monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our record keeping.

In 2001 the water crew started both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. This is the first year in the history of the water department that such a preventative maintenance project has been carried out. The object of this project is to clean the debris from every gate box in the town and either rebuild or replace them when necessary. The second part of the project, after rehabilitating the gate box, is to exercise the gate valve with the new computer operated gate valve operator. Any gate that is found to not be in working order is dug up and replaced. These valves are operated in order to assure that they can be easily operated in an emergency.

The Water Department completed a pilot study seeking permission to build an iron removal plant on the Manley Street well site. We are currently seeking permission from D.E.P. to use state of the art ultra violet light to meet the disinfection rule, allowing us to keep the water tasteless and odorless. Miox will be generated on site and used as an oxidizing agent along with potassium hydroxide. This plant will be going out to bid in approximately June of 2002 and will take about one year to build. When this plant is brought online the water quality from this source is expected to be greatly improved.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were most satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all four wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. None were detected in any of our wells.

With two corrosion control facilities on line, one on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5, we were able to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule. We have earned a 3 year testing waiver from the D.E.P. due to the great results in last years testing.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Noyes, Chairman  
Donald Asack, Clerk  
David Churchill, Member  
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND PARKS  
CHRISTOPHER D. IANNITELLI, SUPERINTENDENT  
2001 ANNUAL REPORT**

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2001, 68 town trees were removed or trimmed due to disease or public safety.

Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

We have continued the process of tree trimming and brush clearing. A 3-foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. Mass Electric helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as a "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Rose L MacDonald and Howard schools which included a wildlife show and a tree, donated by Mass Electric, planted at each school.



Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-up
1991 F-150 Ford pick-up	2000 Kubota Tractor

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations:

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags;

Holiday Decoration Fund – used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout the Town;

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in town;

Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series;

Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the town playground.

War Memorial Park restoration work continues. Many volunteers gave their time planting and maintaining gardens throughout the park. A grant from environmental management has been received to conduct a preservation plan for the park.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2001. Six concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2002 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program sponsored By West Bridgewater DARE and Rodman Ride for Kids was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2001 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

Restoration of school properties has continued concentrating on the upgrading of the playing fields and landscaping. A Recreation Master Plan will be finished soon for all the town's playing fields.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Iannitelli  
Forestry & Parks Superintendent

# **WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

**63 NORTH MAIN STREET  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379  
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## **Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2001 annual report for the Highway Department.

### **Equipment**

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

1975 F800 dump truck	1989 1-ton dump truck
2001 F550 dump truck	1997 1-ton dump truck
1987 L900 dump truck	1993 F150 pickup
1993 F800 dump truck	1998 Crown Vic car
1998 F800 dump truck	1991 Street sweeper
1975 Sidewalk plow	1975 roadside mower
1970 Bucket loader	1992 John Deere backhoe
6 road sanding attachments	1974 Massey Ferguson tractor

### **Chapter 90**

Through this State roadwork fund and with the assistance of Carol Delia, District 5 Inspector, over \$300,000 was spent to resurface and or reconstructed the following roads. This past year Copeland, Union, Spring, Upper Spring, Stony, Old Crescent and portions of Highland and Progressive were completed. Due to budget cuts, our yearly award was reduced to \$168,000. We plan to do as much as possible to keep the road conditions in the Town safe for all residents. Since joining the department in 1996, I have spent \$1,500,000 on roadwork and there is still a long way to go!

### **Manley Street Reconstruction Project**

This project is continuing forward in the engineering phase. Residents were invited to public hearings this pass fall to review the 25% plan. The project is projected to start in two years.

### **Winter Conditions**

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 31 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Four of our trucks have been outfitted to use liquid calcium as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions.

### **Rose L. MacDonald School**

This project consisted of full depth reconstruction of the driveway entrance, main parking lot, rear loading dock and resurfacing of the gym parking lot. The Highway Department also removed the main entrance sidewalk so a new one could be installed. Drainage was repaired and a new drain was constructed at the loading dock. Painting was completed and the department loamed and seeded the newly constructed areas. Utilizing four different contractors this project came in on time and under budget.

### **School Zone Lights**

These two new lights were installed on North Elm Street in front of the Rose L. MacDonald School. The lights were up and operating for school opening this past September.

### **Transfer Station**

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to \$8800 for the one day. The cost for trash hauling increased to \$42 per ton and recycling costs vary between \$10-\$20 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3147 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 283 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. I wish to thank Richard Jefferson for his efforts to please all residents everyday on the job.

### **Street Sweeper**

In May 2001 I was successful in obtaining 83,085 from state aid to purchase a greatly needed new sweeper. The sweeper has been in service since May.

### **2001 F550 4x4 Dump Truck**

This new truck arrived in time for winter use and it is currently being used for plowing, sanding etc.

### **Drainage Projects**

Installed this year are the following.

400' of 8" PVC on East Street

200' of 8" PVC at North Main Street and Commonwealth Avenue

A leaching basin Spring Street and Shagbark Road

A catch basin on Aldrich Road and Harvestwood Drive with 100' PVC 8" pipe



### **Guard Rails**

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on Matfield Street, Aldrich Road, Howard Street and Route 106 in three locations.

I offer sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Thanks to Lorrie Mardo for all her assistance and wish her the best in her new position. We would like to welcome Mike Huchinson and Sue Kent who recently joined the department. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Green  
Highway Superintendent

## ***Town Of West Bridgewater Vehicle Maintenance Department***

To: The Honorable Board Of Selectman and  
Residents of West Bridgewater

Fiscal year 2001-2002 was just as busy as previous years with the repairing & maintaining of town vehicles and equipment. The ongoing vehicle maintenance program often prevents more extensive, costly repairs, and vehicle down time for a number of town departments.

In new equipment, the town was able to purchase a new Ford E450 15 passenger shuttle bus for the Council on Aging. This was to replace a 1994 8-passenger Dodge van. The Highway Department acquired a new F550 4 wheel drive dump truck with plow and sander attachments. This replaces a 1980 F800 dump truck.

The town generator units were maintained on a regular basis. Two, much needed new generators are on order to replace the Fire Station and Rose L. Mac Donald school units which date from the 1960's.

Grant money in the amount of \$2500.00 was awarded to this department by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association to purchase 4 eighteen ton truck jack stands that will be used when lifting larger heavy equipment. ("Thanks Beth")

I would like to thank the area local business for their efforts, whether delivering needed parts on short notice, or taking time to answer questions on equipment purchases. I appreciate their cooperation.

Last but not ever forgotten, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Dept. heads and their employees, and the town office staff who have helped me on numerous occasions throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard W. Graf III, Superintendent  
Vehicle Maintenance



## COUNCIL ON AGING

2 Spring Street  
2001 Annual Report

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman and Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:  
As Director I submit the Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending  
December 31, 2001.

As the first order of business I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone  
for the wonderful new Shuttle Bus we have to transport our citizens. West Bridgewater  
Seniors are riding with dignity in first-class style, thanks to the town.

The new Senior Center is still being diligently worked on and with the continuing help  
and stubborn determination of our Board of Selectmen and Administrator, Beth Faricy  
we should be breaking ground in 2002.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	2,410	
Congregate Meals Served	5,556	
Food Pantry Clients	528	
Fuel Assistance Applications	48	
Dial A Bat Trips	1,411	
COA Shuttle Trips	5,730	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels	4,200	
Ellie's Recreational Trips	DAY 648	OVERNIGHT 240
Line Dancing Program	292	
Outreach Contacts	627	
Flu Clinic Participation	320	
Blood Pressure Test Participants	132	

There are 1,627 citizens over age 60 living in West Bridgewater. Our office provides help  
and support to any citizen who asks. My staff and volunteers are invaluable. Our  
services are expanding daily and our goal is to develop a program that will involve  
citizens from all cultural and financial status.

We are proud to be the multi service center for our community but we don't want  
people's involvement to be restricted to negative periods in their lives. This is a very  
positive organization with a positive influence on the community.



We have a lot of wonderful & our line dancing program is very successful. Our intergenerational programs with the schools are great fun and we are looking forward to adding more programs in the new center. One of our first goals is a computer center with internet access available to our members.

Please feel free to come and see us any time and offer help or suggestions of what you would like to see at your Office of Elder Affairs.

Mary H. Graf  
Director



## West Bridgewater School Committee

2 Spring Street  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

*Daniel West, Chairperson  
M. Lynne Tartaglia, Vice Chairperson  
Nancy Maloney, Clerk  
William McCole  
Marianne Welch-Batstone*

To the residents and the Board of Selectmen:

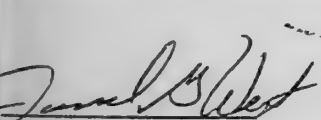
This has been a year of many changes.

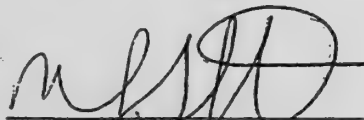
In April, Jeffrey Russell resigned from the board and Paul Everett did not seek another term. We extend our thanks for all their efforts on behalf of our children. William "Biff" McCole was elected to a three-year term, as was Nancy Maloney who is now serving her second term. Rena Shea retired as Superintendent of Schools and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

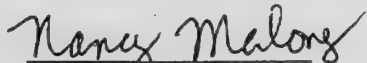
In March, the search began for a new superintendent. The final candidates were interviewed by two different search committees and in June we welcomed Dr. Robert White as the new Superintendent of Schools. Dr. White most recently served as the principal of the Galvin Middle School in Canton. He brings to our district a fresh perspective and a renewed focus on the educational needs of our school system.


We want to thank the town for its approval of school projects such as the renovation for the high school and the paving of the Rose L. MacDonald School parking lot. This vote of confidence ensures that our buildings continue to provide a safe and sound environment in which our children can grow and learn.

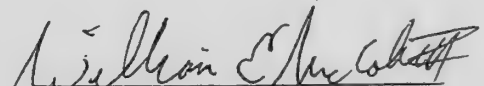
As always we wish to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their support. Education for our children is the best investment we can make to improve our future.

  
Daniel G. West

  
M. Lynne Tartaglia

  
Nancy Maloney

  
Marianne Welch-Batstone

  
William McCole

## Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

*The mission of the West Bridgewater Public Schools is to work in a collaborative effort to provide our students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skill, value and personal growth to reach their individual potential.*

I began as Superintendent in June of 2001 and brought with me an agenda for educational leadership. My educational philosophy is simply that schools are places in which children can feel safe, fulfilled, successful, and in which they can become good citizens.

My goals for this system are:

- That every child will read with greater comprehension.
- That every child will write with greater clarity.
- That every child will be proficient at using mathematics in everyday life.
- That every child will become a good problem solver.
- That every child will become a good concrete thinker.

Some of the highlights of my first year at West Bridgewater include:

- Establishment of a Strategic Planning Committee charged with review of the previous plan and revitalization of a new 5-year plan.
- Creation of a Technology Committee charged with review of an old plan and creation of a new 3-year plan.
- Working with K-12 teachers on professional development, focusing on enhancing MCAS achievement.
- Creating a regular local cable access program, "Superintendent's Corner", as a means of communicating with the community.
- Connecting all staff and buildings via email to dramatically move toward paperless electronic communication.



- The partnership between School Department and the Forestry and Parks Department continues to produce significant changes in the outside appearance of all school buildings.
- The dedication of the PTO and SEPAC to provide our parents and students with a variety of enrichment programs and experiences.
- Pride, community spirit, and patriotism flourish after the events of September 11, 2001. I believe that pride in community had existed in West Bridgewater long before the national tragedy of September 11, 2001. West Bridgewater is special because the people care for each other.

I am proud to be the Superintendent of these schools and thank the teachers, support staff, and the parents for their dedication and effort to make a difference in the lives of their children.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert H. White

Superintendent of Schools

## Pupil Personnel Services Annual Report

As the new Director of Pupil Services, I would like to thank the West Bridgewater community for their warm welcome. I have been impressed with the highly trained and skilled staff, programs, and services that are meeting the needs of the Town's school-aged children. Whether it is in nursing, guidance or special needs, students are encouraged and challenged to reach their individual potentials. The system provides academic inclusion programs, small group instruction, tutoring, and counseling. Additionally, speech and language, occupational and physical therapies are provided to students based on individual needs.

The Special Education Parents Advisory Council has provided speakers and information to parents of students with special needs to support their unique challenges. The Early Childhood/Preschool Program received accreditation with distinction and honors this school year. The Special Needs Summer School Program continues to be successful in meeting the needs of students that require such a program.

The educational staff has shown commitment to improving their knowledge and teaching skills through attending in-services and workshops and taking college courses. Several staff members became certified in the Wilson Reading Program, a phonetic approach to reading.

Currently, the department is preparing for a Program Review that is scheduled to occur during the 2002-2003 school year. The last review was very favorable and indicated that the educational needs of West Bridgewater students were being met in a sound and progressive manner.

I look forward to serving West Bridgewater in the future. My goal is that West Bridgewater schools continue to effectively and professionally provide educational programs to the town that accommodates individual differences and enhances lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Slivka  
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

## Technology Report

Over the last three years, the West Bridgewater Public School system has experienced significant advances in the field of technology. Currently, the Technology Committee, consisting of School Committee members, school administrators, teachers, and community members, are rewriting the district's three-year technology plan. The purpose of this committee is to establish technology goals, identify areas of concern, and provide a plan for the replacement and upgrades of software and hardware.

A summary of the technology status for the school district is included below:

- Eighty-five percent of all computers in the district are Dell Pentium III computers.
- All workstations are running Microsoft Office 2000 and are protected by Norton Antivirus Corporate Edition.
- Each classroom has a computer connected to the Internet and to the school network.
- Each staff member has an email account set up with their first initial, then the last name @ then "wbridgewater.com." (Example: jsmith@wbridgewater.com)
- All schools are running Rediker Software for administrative purposes.
- Grade Quick software is used by teachers at the Middle/Senior High School and Howard School for attendance and grade reporting.
- The school network is currently run by seven servers.
- Internet access is provided by AT&T Broadband. The Internet access is monitored by Sonic Wall to prevent access to restricted sites.
- All schools and the Central Office are connected to the wide area network by fiber optics, or ISDN phone lines.
- All school computer labs are connected to the Internet and to the school network.
- An ongoing program is in place for staff professional development to assist teachers in the use of the available technology.

It is the goal of the school district to continue to upgrade computer hardware and software to keep pace with the advances in technology. It is also our goal to expand the professional development program for staff to assist with the use of technology and to integrate technology into the curriculum.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Sarro  
Technology Coordinator



## **REPORT OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

The mission of West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

During the 2000-01 school year, 428 students were enrolled in grades 7-12 at the Middle/Senior High School. On June 9, 2001 66 seniors received their diplomas at graduation. 94% furthered their studies in a post-secondary setting. The Class of 2001 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program. and performed hours of community service as part of their Contemporary American Issues (CAI) curriculum. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor to students and community.

We remain partners with local colleges in assisting new members into the teaching profession. This is one aspect of a broader relationship in professional development. Observations of varied teaching methodologies and programs are central to educators' preparation and to the certification process.

The New England Association of Schools and Colleges recently continued the accreditation of the Middle/Senior High School. The school demonstrated the extent to which qualitative standards were met. The school is waiting for the association's review of its two-year progress report submitted on October 1, 2001 in order to plan future initiatives across the 10 standards of accreditation. The curriculum is aligned to the state frameworks. A reinforced focus on core values is being implemented under Superintendent Dr. Robert White. Remediation efforts in the fall and spring broaden in scope assistance to students needing to pass the state assessment examinations. The recently approved renovation of the middle senior high school encompassing library-media, guidance, nursing, and administrative facilities is about to begin in April of 2002. The reconstruction project is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete and will meet acceptable security, space, and confidentiality concerns. A team comprised of Town Officials, School Committee, Superintendent, School Administration and Faculty are mutually involved in seeing the project through to successful fruition.

School-to-career, internship and dual enrollment opportunities are expanding and becoming more varied.

Innovations and greater program expansions are positioning the Middle/Senior High School. Recent initiatives include development of the community TV program, a restructuring of curriculum coordinators, a new middle senior high school schedule, parent-coffee meetings, new course electives, and new curricula in technology, MCAS, health and physical education. Partnerships with Media One, the YMCA and other community groups are established and more are planned for the future.

Students' involvement in extra curricular participation remains extensive. "Bye Bye Birdie" was the fall 2001 dramatic production. Fine arts students received award level recognition's from outside sources including the Boston Globe Art Awards. Athletic teams continued to qualify for tournament entry.

We look forward to the promise of the 2002-2003-year.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mr. Leon Liatsos, Principal

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Mr. Ronald C. Broman, Dean of Students

## **Report Of The Howard School**

Howard School began the school year on September 5, 2001 with 244 students in grades four, five, and six.

First and foremost, personnel changes had a significant impact on the Howard School. The major changes came at the fourth and fifth grade levels with Ms Joan MacDonald moving from the fourth grade to the fifth grade to becoming our newest teacher at that level. Ms Brandi Krugger moved from the fifth grade to the Rose L. MacDonald School to teach the first grade. Mrs. Sue Alger resigned as the school nurse and was replaced by Mrs. Marilyn McMahon. Mrs. Deborah Knight was hired as a new special education teacher to work with special needs students in grade four and Mrs. Margaret Hunt was hired as an instructional assistant in the special education department replacing Mrs. Brenda Marquis who has gone back to school to complete her teaching degree.

Students receive daily instruction in Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts curriculum frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for the state assessment tests. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library Science and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

This year, the students at the Howard School were also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular grant-funded programs through our participation with the North River Collaborative under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers After-school Programs. Some of these programs ran during the school year and some ran during the school vacations and during summer break. We thank Ms Paula Karol for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. The programs include: After School Athletics, After School Enrichment Math Problem Solving Club, Homework Help, Computer Classes, Sign Language Classes, MCAS Study Classes, Learn To Cook, Girls Rule, Theater, Dance, Art, Creative Crafts, and Let's Make A Yearbook.

The Reading and Language Arts curriculum continues to use a wide variety of materials and approaches in order to enable each student to master the skills needed to succeed in our rapidly changing technological society. At the intermediate level, the emphasis is on reading and writing to learn. Throughout the year, students are involved in many and varied reading and writing incentive programs. Some of these are: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Book It, Read Across America, Young Author's Celebration and Pen Pal Letters.

The Everyday Math program focuses on promoting student self confidence in mathematics by teaching students to develop problem solving strategies, teaching students how to reason mathematically and by building all students' number sense. Students explore, predict, validate, discuss and investigate until they become proficient learners who reason, understand remember and apply math concepts and facts.



This year the front doors and entrance way of the Howard School received a fresh coat of paint under the direction of the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department. In addition, the school computer lab was updated to new Dell computers and a system wide network was installed enabling all teachers to have e-mail and internet access. We thank both the Sheriff's department and Mr. Ed Sarro and John Fields for making these improvements to our school.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library again continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year and the Friends of the Library under the direction of Marianne Lorrain arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the RIF program.

The West Bridgewater P.T.O., under the direction of Mrs. Carol Pigeon, provided the Howard School students with many enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Bats, Native Americans, An Egyptian Specialist, Learning About China, and Larry Blotter, Jason Newton, the Map Maker, Marie Curie; as well as funding for student participation in the Mathematics Olympiad program and the National Geographic Geography Bee and for various other necessary educational materials. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. Mrs. Evelyn Bandlow has taken on the role of Team Leader in the area of Mathematics for grades 4, 5 and 6 while Mrs. Sally Romano has become the Team Leader in the area of Language Arts. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students. Students are involved in group activities, individual learning activities and cooperative learning activities. All instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student.

The Howard School Council met on the second Thursday of each month throughout the school year. Council members include: Mrs. Christina Reed, Mrs. Katharine Turner, Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Officer Ann Savignano, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mrs. Maureen Rosa, and Mrs. Sally Romano and Mrs. Marie Dowling. They reviewed the Howard School budget, revised the school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Howard School building the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

**"We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care."**

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Francis  
Principal



## Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 2001:

The Rose L. MacDonald School, housing grades 1-3, in an elementary setting, enrolled 237 students as of January 1, 2002.

The RLM is staffed by 16 certified teachers, 3 instructional assistants, 3 certified special needs teachers, a full time reading specialist, a full time school nurse, a full time speech pathologist and a school secretary. Support staff, custodians, food service staff, monitors and clerks; work in concert for the full implementation of the educational program.

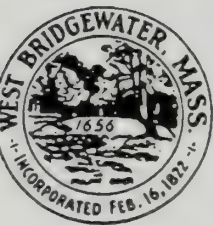
Professional staff continues to be involved in curriculum and professional development activities directed specifically at preparing students to meet the Commonwealth's standards for graduation and successful learning. Our primary school students continue to demonstrate academic success in state and local assessment tests as a result of quality instruction and teacher innovation. After school programs have been introduced as well as providing the East Bridgewater Y an opportunity to offer before and after school care to students and parents.

MacDonald School's road and parking lots have been paved and relined to comply with ADA standards. The new generator installation will be complete this school year. The building continues to be used by community groups after school. A computer lab has been established with new computers and each faculty member has a new computer with full internet access. MacDonald School will shortly be connected to the town network with the installation of a newly purchased router.

Parent Teacher Organization, Special Education Parent Advisory Council, School Improvement Council, Strategic Planning Team and other organizational groups continue to enhance education, its delivery and improvement.

We have an excellent and dedicated professional staff and a supportive, enthusiastic community working together for the youngest citizens of West Bridgewater and for that we are thankful.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Moran  
Principal



## *West Bridgewater Public Library*

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WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

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Beth Roll Smith, Director

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, elected officials, appointed officials, and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The Library Board of Trustees hereby submit their annual report for the year.

The Library Board of Trustees wish to thank the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater for the continued support that they give to their library and its programs.

The function of today's public library goes far beyond the dreams and desires of those who established them. In addition to books, the library offers computer and internet accessibility, computerized homework stations, video tapes, compact discs, educational programs, and art exhibits just to name a few.

The Trustees would like to thank the dedicated staff, under the supervision of Beth Roll Smith, Library Director, for their hard work and dedication to the library patrons.

A special word of thanks to the "Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library" for their generosity and support of the library through various special activities and sponsorships. Also, a word of thanks to the Municipal Building Needs Committee for assisting with the maintenance issues of the property and to Chris Iannitelli and the Forestry Department for their assistance throughout the year.

Finally, a special thank you to outgoing trustee, Barbara Reid, for her dedicated service as a trustee and as secretary to the Board. Barbara's thoughts and opinions will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Benson, Chairman  
Joan Sheedy, Vice Chairman  
Barbara Reid, Secretary  
Robert Sullivan, Member  
Thomas Driscoll, Member



## *West Bridgewater Public Library*

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Beth Roll Smith, Director

### **REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Several changes occurred in library services during the year 2001. In March the SAILS Network purchased iBistro, the electronic library product from SIRSI. The iBistro software provides library patrons with quick access to materials and databases any time of the day or night whether at the Library or at home. The iBistro software includes book covers, tables of contents, reviews of many titles, best seller lists, and new titles added. It also allows patrons to e mail their local library with address changes and suggestions for purchasing new material. iBistro provides a gateway to all of the periodical and encyclopedia databases available to patrons. Patrons can place reserves on materials, see their reserve list, and see what they have checked out.

West Bridgewater Public Library's web site is now hosted by SAILS and the address is [sailsinc.org/westbridgewater](http://sailsinc.org/westbridgewater). On the web site there is a link to Library Calendar of All Events.

In the area of Children's Services Time for Tots for ages 2 – 3 and Story Time for children ages 4 – 5 was initiated in May. Melissa Williams presented Tiny Tot Tunes, a music and movement program for children ages birth – 4 years. A new portable stereo system was purchased for the Children's Room to encourage more incorporation of music and movement into children's programming.

Camp Library saw 20 children ages 5 – 8 participating in stories, crafts, and games, and interacting with special guests who led a balloon making workshop, a library book bag making session, Michael Koski's Science Show, Country Critters Petting Zoo, and a visit from Buddy, a pony from Stonecroft Farm, a talk by Karen Douglas, manager. North River Collaborative Family Network awarded the Library a grant to host a program for ages 1 – 4. Pumppernickel Puppets performed to everyone's delight. The Harry Potter Costume Party was well received as was a Mary Kate and Ashley Book Party.

Week of the Young Child was celebrated April 1 – 7 in connection with SACHEM/Self-Help, Inc. in its third year. Local day care providers and West Bridgewater Integrated Preschool displayed artwork at the library. A new Parenting Resource Shelf was created to provide parents with books covering important topics on general parenting issues. The special Hallowe'en program was a magic show led by John Henry. Christmastime Debbie Carroll presented "December Holidays", a multicultural celebration of festivities. The performance was paid through the West Bridgewater Cultural Council.

The Summer Reading Program attracted 110 children ages 2 – 12. At the conclusion of the summer program Mike Myers, a professional storyteller, performed a program of stories and songs funded by the West Bridgewater Cultural Council which encouraged interaction on 100 homemade instruments for the children to play during the performance. Participation was sought from various businesses and groups in town to sponsor summer prizes. Those donating were the West Bridgewater Lions Club, West Bridgewater Community Lions Club, West Bridgewater Rotary Club, Westbridge Animal Hospital, and Cast-Coat, Inc. Free tokens for video prizes were donated by the Charlie Horse Restaurant.



At the end of December the library collection contained 54,805 items. Circulation for the year was 54,723. 432 new patrons obtained library cards. 28,779 people walked in to use the building. The Library completed its VISION 2020 planning as requested of all departments as the Library's part of the Master Plan data.

The Library thanks Eric Naks for his volunteer work during the year. We appreciate his work on the library's behalf. Thank you to Patricia Cronin for her volunteer efforts throughout the year. Dr. Neal Andelmann, V.M.D. donated a rolling metal book display set to the Children's Room as a memorial to his friend Dave Retik who perished in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

The Students of Robert Arthur Art Show was held in June and July with the opening day reception on June 16. The adult students including West Bridgewater residents exhibited their original oil and watercolor paintings.

The Friends of the Library, led by President Jodi Savage, held many interesting programs throughout the year. In January Boston by Foot presented. "Boston: The Contemporary City". In October Henry H. Callan spoke on "Outstanding American Quilts and Coverlets since 1620." A local art show was sponsored by the Friends in February and March. Local artists Ted Nystrom, Dr. James and Marlene Howell, Debbie Tisdale, Paul Revere Brown, and Susan Puffer participated. 60 people attended the opening day reception on Feb. 10. The Friends sponsored a quilting exhibit in October where twenty items were displayed from students in Michele Hoover's adult school quilting class. The Friends' membership dues and funds acquired from their ongoing book sale fund the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program of paperback book distribution to the students in grades one through five in the town. Led by Mariann Lorrain many volunteers arrange three distributions of books to the students per year in January, May, and September. In between there are two book swaps where students may obtain a used book by exchanging another book they have already read. Over 14,000 books have been distributed in this program since its inception in 1989.

Chris Iannitelli and his department installed two stone park benches in the garden area and refreshed the landscaping by replacing many shrubs in front of the library. We thank Anne Gillis and Elaine Laughton who cared for the English Garden at the side entrance.

The Library applied for and was awarded the Small Businesses Improvement Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act grant from the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. Monies began to be spent in December by the Grant Manager, Sherry Pinter, Reference Librarian. Benefits of the grant include creation of a BIZ (Business Information Zone) area in the Reference Dept., purchase of reference and circulating business books, purchase of a public personal computer, setting up of nine business seminars, increasing the hours of the part time Reference Librarian, and hiring of a new part time Assistant Reference Librarian.

The Library Book Discussion Group known as Chapters met on the first Thursday of the month. Between four and fourteen people attended. The group is looking for more interested residents to attend.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith  
Library Director

## REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Eugene Kostecki, School Committee Member*

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2001, 1,172 students were enrolled in the high school and 143 students were enrolled in the technical institute. West Bridgewater had 45 students enrolled in the high school.

The financial difficulties experienced in the district over the last several years are coming to an end. Working with the Department of Education and the Department of Revenue, the district has returned to the member communities \$2,751,335 by means of reduction in assessment. West Bridgewater's original assessment for the 2001-2002 school year of \$335,982 has now been reduced to \$178,709.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional prepared for the decennial evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges' accreditation visit scheduled for the fall of 2001. Forty-four program review booklets were developed in preparation for this decennial evaluation.

In June of 2001, the high school graduated 225 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement records indicate that 92% of the Class of 2001 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to further their education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic



and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute has increased the number of evening school programs offered for 2001-2002. A major goal of the technical institute is to provide educational programs that satisfy the needs of the community members and are responsive to the employer community. Evening school programs range from arts and recreational programs to higher-level technology courses.

The enrollment in the adult day programs continued to grow in part as a result of the weakening economy and the increase in the unemployment rate. The institute works closely with the area One Stop Career Centers to assure that the students receive the education needed to successfully find employment and the occupational areas that are in high demand. The institute's faculty and staff work closely with the Advisory Committee to refine the curriculum to meet business and industry demands.



**West Bridgewater Board of Health**  
**REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2001**

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 2001  
The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board activities.

Perc Test Observations.....	\$ 14,862.50
Disposal works permits.....	4,945.00
Food service and retail food permits.....	2,595.00
Disposal works installer permits.....	3,200.00
Milk and Cream permits.....	455.00
Septic hauling licenses.....	1,400.00
Rabies Clinic.....	355.00
Mobile food service permits.....	105.00
Mobile home park and motel permits.....	50.00
Miscellaneous.....	1207.88
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 29,625.38</b>

The Board of Health would like to express their appreciation to the following for their service:

- (1) Partners Home Care, Inc. and our Public Health Nurse for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11 A.M. to Noon in our office at the Town Hall. Also, in the COA Center at the Spring Street School on the second Wednesday from 10 A.M. until Noon.
- (2) Dr. Neal Andelman of the West bridge Veterinary Hospital for the running of the rabies clinic. Dr. Andelman donates the rabies serum, hypodermic syringes, immunization tags and most importantly his time and expertise in handling animals. Without Dr. Andelman's willingness to make a gift of this magnitude to the Town we

would be unable to offer the convenience of a very affordable rabies clinic to the residents. All monetary donations made the day of the clinic are given to the Town at the request of Dr. Andelman.

(3) The Highway Department staff for the use of their building and their time, and the volunteers.

(4) Todd Pilling, Professional Engineer, Mr. Pilling has been a consultant regarding Septic Systems for the Board and attends the Boards regularly scheduled meetings.

(5) Mr. Peter Bergstrom and Mr. Doug Sime, the Health Officers, for their service to the Town. Mr. Bergstrom and Mr. Sime handle all the day to day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

The Board would like to welcome Howard Hayward, who joined the Board in May 2001.

Lastly, the Board would like to remind residents that our office has a program for the collection of (Medical Waste) Sharps/Lancets, from Residents of West Bridgewater. The regulations for this service can be obtained at the Board of Health Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford W. Piesco  
Chairman

Sandra L. Asack  
Clerk

Howard W. Hayward  
Member

## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 2001

Cattle:	Adult	Young
Number of dairy	219	118
Number of beef.....	15	4
Number of steers/oxen.....	1	
Number of goats (Adult = 1 year and up).....	18	
Number of sheep (Adult = 1 year and up).....	12	
Swine:		
Number of breeders.....	n/a	
Number of feeders.....	35	
Equines:		
Number of horses.....	72	
Number of ponies.....	9	
Number of stables accessible to the public.....	3	
Number of llamas.....	5	
Poultry:		
Number of chickens.....	n/a	
Number of turkeys.....	6500	
Number of ratites.....	n/a	
Number of waterfowl.....	307	
Number of game birds.....	6	
Number of rabbits.....	4	
Other animal.....	n/a	

Respectfully submitted,

Howard A. Anderson

Inspectors of Animals

Lee Anderson



**REPORT OF THE  
AFFILIATED COMMUNITY VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION/  
PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

On behalf of The Affiliated Community Visiting Nurse Association/Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2001.

ACVNA/Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. The ACVNA/Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, The ACVNA/Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of this year's public health activities are: successful flu/pneumonia immunizations despite delay in supply; adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the public schools and the community; Diabetes Update 2001 (endocrinology, registered dietitian, diabetes educator with free blood sugar screening and complimentary lunch); Shaw's Wellness Day providing BP assessment and health counseling; TB tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain free screenings and health counseling. The VNA also serves as a vaccine depot.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	12	BP Screening	335
Communicable Disease follow-up	15	TB Screening-	19
Immunizations	1	Health Promotion Visits	20
Skilled Nursing Office Visits	36	Flu Immunizations	372

\*Confidential case follow-ups are done and submitted to West Bridgewater Board of Health and Department of Public Health.

*In addition 6,498 visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by ACVNA staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specially and supportive services provided include:*

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Skilled Nurse                | Physical Therapy             |
| Occupational Therapy         | Speech Language Therapy      |
| Home Health Aide Services    | Medical Social Worker        |
| Education and Support Groups | Private Health Care Services |
| Case Management              | Cardiac Care                 |
| Alzheimer's Disease Care     | Rehabilitation Nursing       |
| Parkinson's Program          | Complex Wound Care           |
| Diabetes Education           | Oncology Care                |
| Mental Health                | Homemaker/Companion          |

The Affiliated Community VNA/Partners Home Care, Inc. extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the generosity of our local government, area businesses, volunteers, our loyal townspeople and our Board of Health that we can ensure the provisions of free outreach programs and medically necessary home care services to those who need them. With your continued financial assistance and ever-welcomed support, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN  
Community Health Nurse

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS  
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

On behalf of the Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Inspector of Wires, Albert (Skip) Greiner and Joseph Donovan, Inspector of Plumbing & Gas and Secretary, Karen Lavin, I would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to the citizens, Town Boards & Committees for their dedicated assistance & cooperation this past year.

The following Annual Report for the Department reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

<b>RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>Construction Value</b>
23 Dwellings.....	\$3,447,490.00
113 Additions, Alterations, .....	904,400.00
142 Incidental Construction.....	632,129.00
24 Swimming Pools.....	222,046.00
8 Stoves and Chimneys.....	7,725.00
99 Zoning.....	2,525.00
	<b>\$5,216,315.00</b>

**COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

2 New Buildings.....	\$1,400,000.00
3 Additions, Alterations .....	478,205.00
11 Incidental Construction.....	468,904.00
19 Signs.....	64,150.00
6 Demolitions.....	150.00
	<b>\$2,411,409.00</b>

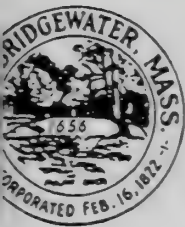
<b>CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,627,769.00</b>
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Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	\$ 70,783.00
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	10,613.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	10,317.00
	<b>\$ 91,713.00</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Vasapollo, Jr.  
Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer





## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### OFFICE OF BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were scheduled as hearing applications were received and were held in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2001, the Board of Appeals held seventeen (17) advertised Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Variances granted	2
Special Permits granted	12
Variance requests denied	1
Special Permit requests withdrawn	1
Variance requests withdrawn	1

The Board of Appeals was saddened this past year by the death of long-time member and Vice Chairman, George Merritt, who passed away in April. His knowledge and sense of humor will be missed. Also, in November, Walter Thayer resigned from the board after serving for many years. Both George and Walter were dedicated to the Town of West Bridgewater and their presence on the board will be greatly missed. The Board of Appeals appointed John DeCosta, Jr. and James Henderson as full voting members of the board, and were pleased to welcome new associate members, Marian Spencer and Armen Amerigian. John DeCosta, Jr. was elected as the new Vice Chairman of the board. The Board of Appeals would like to thank Building Inspector Joseph Vasapollo, Jr., and all town officials and departments for their continued cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Lucini, Chairman  
John DeCosta, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Michael D. Feresten  
Lars (Gary) Eliasson  
James Henderson  
Marian Spencer  
Armen Amerigian



## Planning Board

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To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the Planning Board submit this Annual Report of our activities for the year 2001.

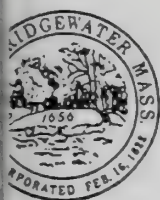
Twenty-three (23) regular meetings were held throughout the course of the year. One (1) Special meeting was held. There were Six (6) Form A Plans approved. The Planning Board approved One (1) Subdivision. Presently the Planning Board has Ten (10) Subdivisions under construction in various stages of completion. The Board has One (1) subdivision under discussion. Ten (10) Site plans were reviewed and approved. Three (3) Special Permits were as per Zoning Regulations.

The Planning Board reviewed the town's street inventory at the request of Thomas Greene, Highway Superintendent. A list of roads to be accepted were forwarded for acceptance by the Town at Annual Town Meeting.

The Planning Board would like to thank all Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation through out the past year. In closing we would like to thank the people of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings and for their comments. We invite participation in all future meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman  
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk  
Grete Bohannon, Member  
James H. Henderson, Member  
Donna Cotter, Secretary to Board



# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors' submit their annual report:

We continue to note an upward spiral in property values. This is true with both Residential and Commercial/Industrial properties. Despite an economic slowdown in the latter part of 2001, low interest rates as well as a short supply of properties on the market, have contributed to these value increases.

Next year, 2002 we will have to begin the triennial revaluation process that will take effect in FY2003. Since our last revaluation program that took effect in 2000, we note growth figures remain on the moderate side. We have urged the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady classification rate, to keep the various tax rates from escalating too greatly and they have seen the wisdom of this reflected in the tax rates.

The Assessors' have printed, and offered for distribution, a handbook showing what your Assessors do, and do not do, with respect to the taxes you pay. There is other information in this handbook that should be informative to the residents. It is easily available at the Town Hall. It has been well received by Town residents who have read it.

In keeping with the updating of our office, the Board of Assessors' have a computer, now located on the map table in our office, with which residents may look up and review their own property information as well as other properties, if they choose to do so.

There is still much to be done with other areas of the Assessing office. We hope to redesign the layout of the office, for the efficiency that will result for the taxpayers and professionals who use our records and staff for information. We hope to put more informational programs into the computer system, such as abatement and exemption information as well as automating the handling of excise taxes, and their abatements, if necessary.

The Board of Assessors' wishes to thank the other Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in making our mission easier to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving W. Puffer, Chairman

DeSales Heath, Clerk

Donald L. Miller, Jr., Member

Edward Fenochietti, Town Appraiser



January 1, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending  
December 31, 2001.

During the calendar year 2001, a total of one hundred ninety (190) measuring devices were sealed, forty-one (41) devices were adjusted, four (4) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade), and five (5) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of seven (7) scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1 Not Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	4 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	10 Sealed 3 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 2 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	37 Sealed 1 Adjusted 1 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	15 Sealed 1 Not Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	78 Sealed 28 Adjusted 1 Condemned
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 8 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted

Fabric Measuring Devices

32 Sealed  
1 Condemned

Linear Measures  
Tapes

1 Sealed

Redemption Machines

2 Sealed

Scanner Systems

1 Tested

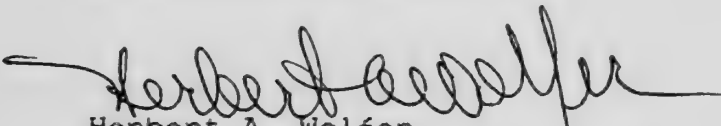
The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$2,165.00
Adjusting Fees	210.00
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Total Fees	\$2,375.00

Of the assessed fees, all were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Herbert A. Wolfer  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

## Report of the Open Space and Recreation Committee

The Open Space and Recreation Committee hereby submits the annual report to the Honorable Board of Selectmen, officials and citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

This past year has been promising but not without a lot of effort from the entire committee. One such ongoing task is securing an easement right-of-way agreement to the already connected Bay Circuit Trail. The Bay Circuit Trail is a 200-mile mostly natural corridor through 50 cities and towns from Newburyport to the North to Duxbury to the South. Along the way it connects many unique scenic views and vistas such as open farmland, riverways and natural unspoiled forests. There have been several guided "treks" this past year from groups throughout Southeast Massachusetts. We often hear complements about the beauty of the town as they pass through the Hockomock Wildlife Management Area.

This committee sponsors and organizes an annual trek through West Bridgewater's portion of the trail. Last year we celebrated Earth Day by providing a guided walk through a portion of the trail. Joan Leland and Howard Hayward are the representatives to the Bay Circuit Alliance, the organization coordinating all Bay Circuit Trail work. We encourage everyone to get together with friends and neighbors and enjoy a brisk walk and to discover the natural beauty of our town. For further information on natural outdoor activities and events, please contact the committee through Town Hall or one of its co-chairs. We continue with trail assessment and trimming. We also submitted a complete description of West Bridgewater's portion of the Bay Circuit Trail to the Bay Circuit Alliance for their BCT guidebook.

The Cabinet of Curiosity, which describes the Bay Circuit Trail, was on display at the Public library in November.

In addition to the Bay Circuit Alliance, we continue a working relationship with contacts and memberships with the Natural Resources Trust of Bridgewater (NRTB), the Mass Division of Wildlife and Fisheries, the Wildlands Trust of Duxbury, the Taunton River Watershed Alliance (TRWA) and most recently, the Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences who are assisting us in applying our Open Space Plan. The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences are in the process of developing a website that will enable Commissions and Open Space Committees to access online conservation mapping tools.

We are trying to participate with town boards and other groups on various matters concerning responsible land use issues. The Open Space and Recreation Plan was a useful document to aid in shaping the Master Plan.

We held a public forum for educational & informational purposes and provided informational handouts for the citizens of the town regarding the Community Preservation Act and offered our position at annual Town meeting.

Although our efforts to adopt the Community Preservation Act were not successful, we continue our efforts to learn ways to apply for grants and other methods to acquire the necessary funds to protect and preserve our community's natural treasures.

The Committee is also sharing our efforts with the Historical Commission to help reduce the cost of publishing a bi-monthly educational newsletter explaining our missions, goals and progress and to communicate issues with the townspeople on a more regular basis.

We are pleased to be utilizing the help of the high school students with the approval of the School Dept. to design a logo for our committee.

Finally, the Committee is assisting with the Southeast Mass Biodiversity project.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Adams, Recording Secretary

Howard Hayward, Co-Chair ([hhayward@wbridgewater.com](mailto:hhayward@wbridgewater.com))

Barry Meltzer, Co-Chair ([bmeltz@attbi.com](mailto:bmeltz@attbi.com))

Jack Ames

Tom Coots

Stephen Currier

Chris Iannitelli

Joan Leland

Jac MacDonald

Beth Miltner

Beth Smith





## 2001 Annual Report Of The CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission is the official agency specifically charged with the protection of the community's natural resources. The Commission also advises other municipal officials and boards on conservation issues that relate to their areas of responsibility. As the municipal focal point for environmental protection, the Commission has the responsibility for administering the Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 Sec.40). West Bridgewater has adopted a local bylaw giving the Commission further power to protect the wetlands. Thus the Commission serves the community in a regulatory as well as a conservation capacity. Under these laws, the Commission processes applications for permits to do work in or near wetlands. The Commissioners are a group of volunteers who work long hours to achieve community conservation goals.

March 1, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report of activities for 2001.

The Commission held 22 regular meetings during the year and 26 Public Hearings. Members issued 4 Negative Determinations of Applicability, 2 Certificates of Compliance, 1 Enforcement Order, 1 Extension Permit, 1 Accurate Notice of Resource Area Delineation. Approved 17 Orders of Conditions and Denied 1 Order of Conditions.

Commission members have continued to work closely with the members of the Board of Health regarding perk tests and septic repairs to ensure that the Wetlands remain protected and intact. Perk test applications require the approval of both Boards.

The Commission wishes to thank the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their assistance and also extend thanks to all the town departments for their continuous help and cooperation as we strive to make the best decisions for our environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Palin, Chairman  
William Liston, Vice Chairman  
Howard Hayward, Commissioner  
William Clancy, Commissioner  
Dick Weatherby, Commissioner  
Michele Greneir, Agent  
Anna Britton, Secretary

WEST BRIDGWATER HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
North Main Street  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

March 27, 2002

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of West Bridgewater:

We, the Historical Commission of West Bridgewater, were newly appointed in April 2001. With seven members on our Commission, our goals are to preserve the character of our small rural town and identify the community's historical landmarks and resources.

During this past year, the Town of West Bridgewater was awarded two very exciting grants. The Massachusetts Heritage Landscape Grant, through the Department of Environmental Management, and the Massachusetts Historical Preservation Grant (focus towards the War Memorial Park's preservation). We were very pleased and excited to be given this opportunity to participate in the community's preservation.

Some of our members attended several seminars given through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, attended and reciprocated Tri-County Meetings with the East Bridgewater and Bridgewater Historical Commissions, as well as the members of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society.

Our objective this year is to gain awareness through our quarterly Newsletter and our hot line e-mail. We would like to implement a Plaque Program for homes over a hundred years old, a Historical Preservation Bylaw and a West Bridgewater School Awareness Program, in conjunction with the Old Bridgewater Society.

Our many thanks to all that supported us during this past year. We are ready to move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Sheedy, Chairperson  
Katharine Turner, Vice Chairperson  
Noreen D'Andrea, Secretary  
Ann Harrington, Treasurer  
Anne Marie Sheedy, Member  
Gregory Sheedy, Member  
John Newell, Member  
Donna Ames and Mark Anderson, Volunteers



## Womansplace Crisis Center

A Program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

### PROGRAM

Womansplace Crisis Center is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. which is a private, non-profit agency. The center combines the services of the former Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center and Womansplace shelter for battered women. Womansplace Crisis Center was established more than fifteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We at the center struggle to eliminate rape and sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities. *All services are free of charge.*

P.O. Box 4206  
Brockton, MA 02303  
(508) 588-2042

Domestic Violence Hotline  
(508) 588-2041

Sexual Assault Hotline  
(508) 588-8255

### SERVICES

Womansplace Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

**OUR HOTLINE:** The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest, sexual assault and their significant others.

**SIS INTERVENTION:** Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors, and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault. The counselor provides support to the survivor and the family to help them regain control of a particularly devastating situation.

**INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING:** Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with feelings of isolation and helplessness.

**HOSPITAL LIAISON:** Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors utilized by various community hospitals.

**COURT LIAISON:** Counselors accompany survivors to court to provide them the emotional support to go through with the charges. The court experience can be extremely difficult for the survivors. In addition to assisting survivors within the court setting, counselors work closely with police departments during the initial stages of a sexual assault investigation.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome and other related issues.

**THE NEED:** One out of every two women will be raped or be a victim of attempted rape in their lifetime.

One out of every seven males are sexually assaulted by the age of eighteen.



## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2001.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of 26 Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. On July 1, 2001 the Town of Bridgewater rejoined the Project. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2001 season began with an average water table for the region. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of adult mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 9,673 complaints.

The first Eastern Equine Encephalitis isolate obtained by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health was found in collections from Canton, in Norfolk County, on July 15, 2001. One EEE isolate was collected in Plymouth County from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, in Halifax on August 18. A three year old girl visiting in Canton tested positive in late August for EEE, resulting in the only human EEE case in Massachusetts for 2001. The recurring problem of EEE and the increase in West Nile Virus to the Northeast continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

West Nile Virus activity increased in Massachusetts during 2001. Plymouth County's first infected bird was found in Lakeville on July 16, 2001. As of November 30, 257 infected birds had been found in twenty six of the twenty eight communities serviced by the Project. During 2001, Plymouth County became the epicenter for WNV positive horse cases. Thirty of the thirty seven confirmed cases occurred in Plymouth County, with Middleboro having eighteen WNV positive horse cases. To ascertain the risk to human health and horses, this Project placed mosquito traps in the infected areas. The mosquitoes collected were tested at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for WNV, but none were infected. In an effort to keep the public informed of WNV activity, updates were posted on our web site, [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) and

*Ochlerotatus japonicus* was found for the first time in Plymouth County. *Oc. japonicus* is a container breeding mosquito which blood feeds on vertebrates such as Massachusetts Department of Public Health at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm). humans and birds. The mosquito is originally from Japan and was introduced several years ago into the New York City area. The mosquito is of interest because it is believed to be involved in the transmission of West Nile Virus. The mosquito was first found in Lakeville on July 19, 2001, and then spread to Middleboro, Plympton, Brockton, Mattapoisett, Bridgewater and Wareham. We now consider *Oc. japonicus* to be well established in the county. The quick spread of this mosquito emphasizes the need to eliminate water holding containers such as tires, buckets, old swimming pools, and boats from properties.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of

the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 2,048 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 836 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

**Aerial Application.** Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 1,320 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 66 inspections were made to 61 catalogued breeding sites.

**Water Management.** During 2001 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,810 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 112 complaints answered.

**Mosquito Survey.** A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Aedes vexans* and *Culex pipiens*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

*Commissioners:*  
Carolyn Brennan, *Chairman*  
Robert A. Thorndike, *Vice Chairman*  
Leighton F. Peck, Jr., *Secretary*  
William J. Mara  
Michael J. Pieroni



## REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2001.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

In 2001, the Council completed the Regional Transportation Plan that serves as an overall planning guide, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years. It includes information on regional profile, regional transit, freight/goods movement, highways, rail, bicycle, pedestrians, air and water transportation, environmental, financial summary and the relationships between them. The Regional Policy Plan was also completed and distributed to member communities. The OCPC Plan serves as a guide to municipal officials in directing local planning efforts and is also consistent with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020, An Agenda for the Future. During this year, the Council also continued to work on Local Comprehensive Plans, Executive Order 418, Route 106 Corridor Study, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 program and the Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless to address uncontrolled sprawl, promote a high quality of life, more efficient use of public resources, and enhance private investment opportunities.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2001, the Council elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Joseph E. Faraca of Brockton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pat Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council. The Council would like to thank the past President *Eldon F. Moreira* for his leadership, support and commitment to Old Colony Planning Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Stephen Baker; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Phyllis Hancock for their dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eldon Moreira, Delegate  
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate  
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large



## ANNUAL REPORT ON COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001

The role of UMass Extension, Plymouth County is to deliver research-based information to specific groups of people through nonformal methods. The local staff work in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture to provide valuable information in Extension's four program areas. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Educational programs focus on four major program areas: Agroecology; Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (grant funds); 4-H youth, volunteer and family development; and federally funded Nutrition Education initiatives. Volunteer advisory groups work with staff on developing specific programs. Programs include: Pruning demonstrations; Pesticide applicator trainings and licensing exams; The Annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; Educational resource materials; Training and resources for agencies serving youth; Accredited overnight summer camps; Teacher workshops and resources; and Food Safety Certification Courses. Local citizens, appointed by the County Commissioners, serve as County Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, technical assistance, newspaper articles, radio and television. Publications such as regular newsletters and booklets, fact sheets, and home study courses, bring information directly to those who need it.

In Plymouth County, the Extension outreach office is located on High St. Hanson. There is a satellite office in the City of Brockton, for the grant-funded Family Nutrition Program. In Southeastern Massachusetts regional programs are often conducted. UMass also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham. Currently the Plymouth County field staff consists of two 4-H Youth Development Specialists, and a Landscape/Nursery Specialist. For a more detailed program brochure on Cooperative Extension programs contact the county office at Box 658, Hanson, MA 02341. (781)293-3541 or 447-5946. (also info on the Web <http://www.umass.edu/umext/>)

### **Board of Trustees oversees the work of Cooperative Extension. They are as follows:**

County Commissioner Robert J. Stone - Whitman (term expires 3/31/02)

Jere Downing – Marion (term exp. 3/31/02)

Joseph Freitas – Plympton (term exp. 3/31/03)

Claire Jesse – Plymouth (term exp. 3/31/02)

Dominic Marini – E.Bridgewater (term exp. 3/31/04)

Wayne Smith – Abington (term exp. 3/31/02)

Janice Strojny – Middleboro (term exp. 3/31/04)

Chris Wicks – Middleboro (term exp. 3/31/02)

Phil Wyman – Hanson (term exp. 3/21/03)

### **Town Directors:**

M.G.L. Ch. 128 outlines the Cooperative Extension System functions. It allows for Town Directors to serve in the capacity as a local liaison. These towns contribute additional funds to assist Cooperative Extension programs. Annual Cooperative Extension reports are published in their town documents. Directors are: James Franey, Abington; Richard Wyman, Bridgewater; Dorothy Angle, Carver; Lindsay Blake, Duxbury; Dominic Marini, East Bridgewater; Kozhaya Nessralla, Halifax; Marjorie Mahoney, Hingham; Valerie Dennehy, Kingston; James Archer, Marion; David Blanchard, Middleboro; E. Dana Cashin, Norwell; Edward Kierstead, Plympton; Georgia Chamberlain, Rochester; Jerrilyn Quinlan, Scituate; and Clifford Carlson, West Bridgewater.

### **Members of the County Staff:**

Amy McCune, 4-H Youth and Family Development

Robert O. Mott, 4-H Youth and Family Development

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape and Nursery Team

Betty Ann Francis, Executive Assistant

### **Staff funded by Federal or State Program Grants:**

Andrea B. Gulezian, Nutrition Education Program Supervisor

Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator

Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator

Faith Burbank, Water Quality & Natural Resources

Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk (2 days/wk)

For information on 4-H programs call 1-800-374-4446; to contact the Nutrition Education Program in Brockton call 508-427-0008.

Report Submitted January 2002

## 2001 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

During 2001 the Southeastern Regional Services Group prepared and issued three major cooperative procurements on behalf of its seventeen member municipalities. Two of these, invitations for bids for DPW Services and DPW Supplies, saved SERSG cities and towns a total of \$345,374.71. The third procurement resulted in a 63.25% discount off of office supplies contained in the United Stationers Catalog. SERSG membership continues to save each member thousands of dollars each year.

The Southeastern Regional Services Group continues to administer a Tobacco Control Program on behalf of the Boards of Health of Easton, East Bridgewater, Raynham, Stoughton and Taunton. Besides advocating for the adopting of local regulations banning smoking in public places and sales of cigarettes to minors, SERTOG program staff conduct quarterly checks of merchants to determine if they are complying with the condition of their permit that they not sell tobacco products to minors. Public education activities funded by the DPH grant include a month-long health education program in the Mitchell Middle School in East Bridgewater capped with speaker Bob Mehrman addressing all of the fifth graders in the school on World No Tobacco Day; our attendance at the Health Awareness Day at Taunton High School, the Easton Employee Health Fair, the Stoughton 275th Birthday Parade, Major Strojny's Kiddies Day in Taunton, and a presentation by Bob Mehrman to students at Bristol-Plymouth Regional Technical School on the Great American Smoke-Out in November.

SERSG hosted a workshop for elected and appointed members of land-use boards in October outlining the new requirements of Phase II of the EPA's Storm Water Management Program. Attendees were given an outline of the Phase II requirements, a work plan for the six required minimum control measures, and a copy of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination By-Law which the SERSG Regional Administrator drafted with the help of Andy Bagas, Bridgewater Highway Superintendent; Ernest Williams, Canton DPW Director, and Robert Swanson, Foxborough Highway Superintendent. Both Virginia Scarlet, DEP Storm Water Manager, and Thelma Murphy, EPA-Region One Storm Water Manager, spoke at meetings arranged for SERSG members on the requirements of the new federal mandate.

The SERSG Regional Administrator was a speaker at the April Municipal Forum sponsored by Attorney General O'Reilly, MMA, and the Town Counsel/City Solicitor's Association. The topic was Street Opening and Right-of-Way Issues Affecting Local Governments. SERSG continues to provide shared administrative services, which save money as well as time for each of its members. Our on-going success is due to the cooperation that SERSG receives from staff in many different municipal departments.

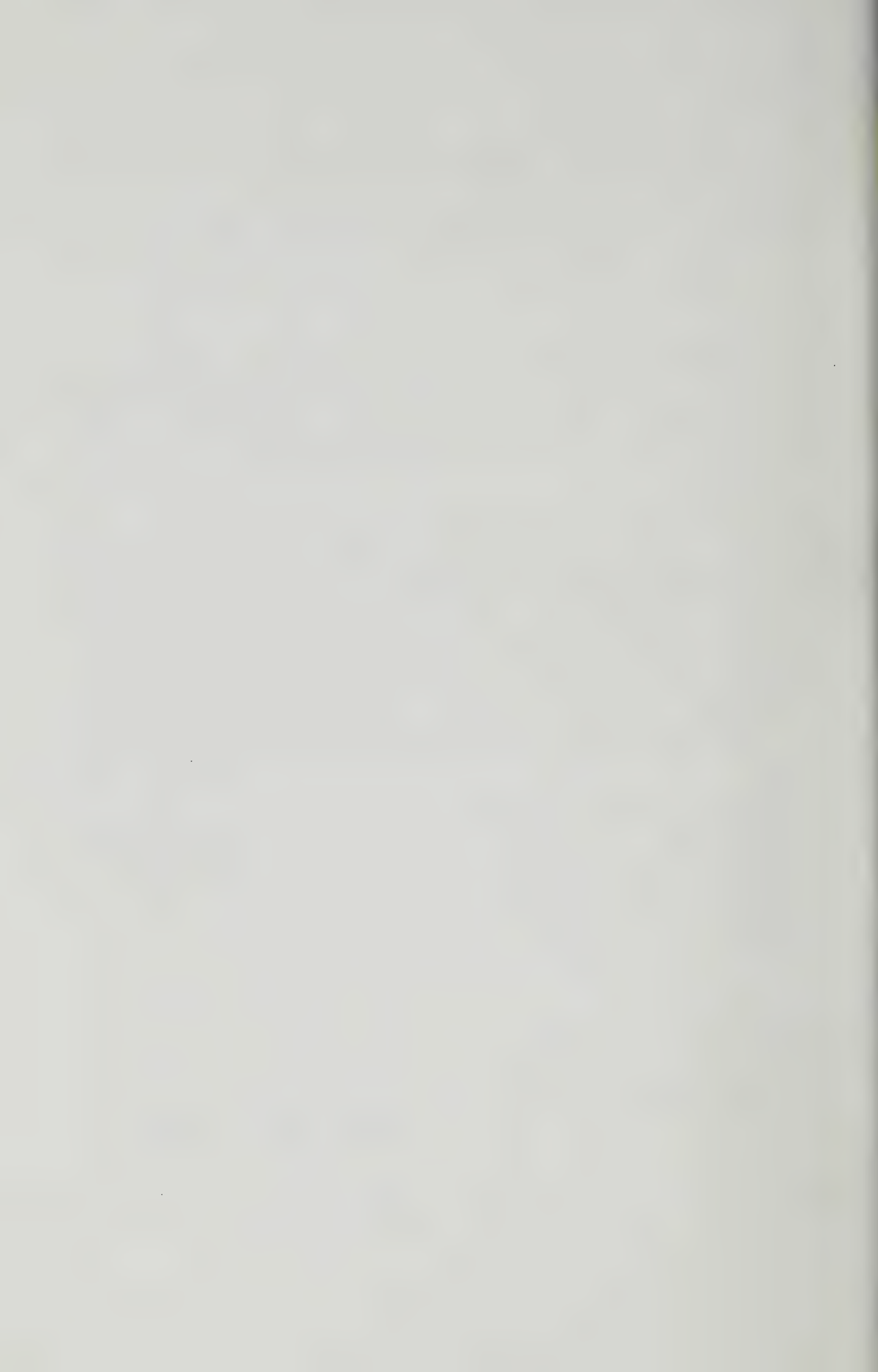
Catherine Salisbury, Regional Administrator



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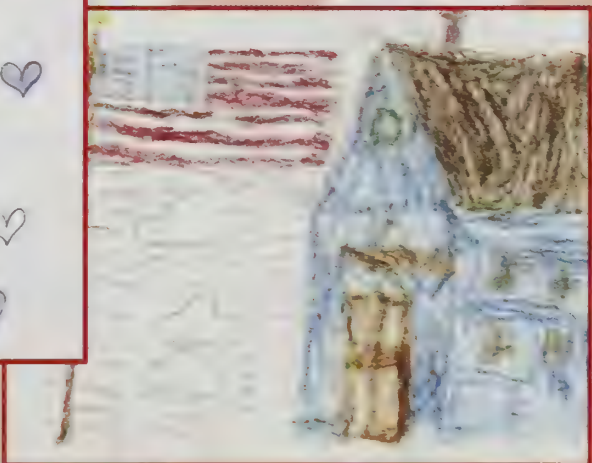
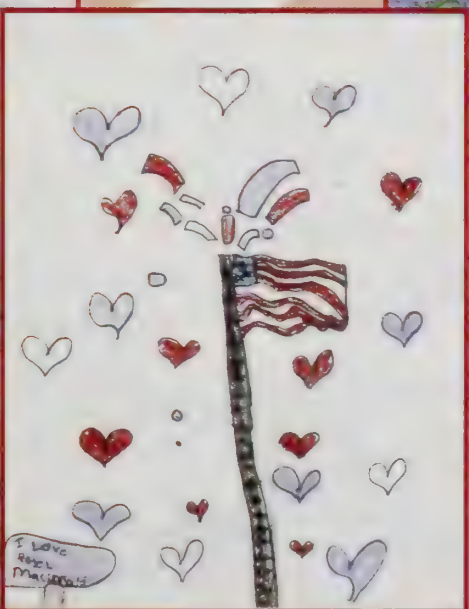
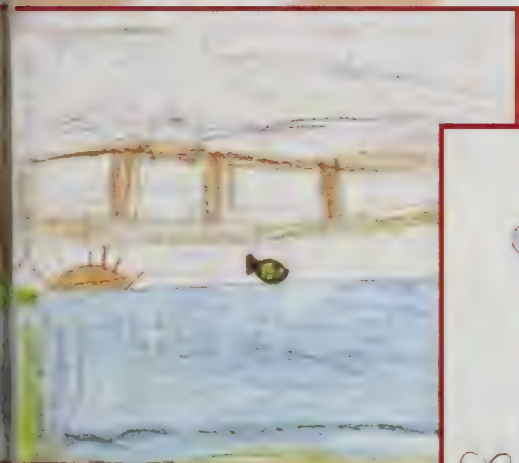
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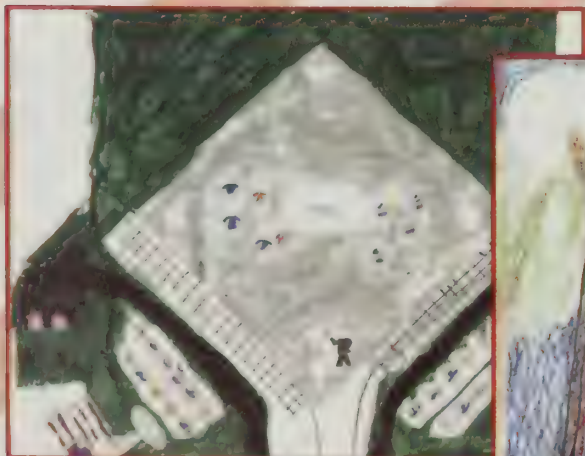
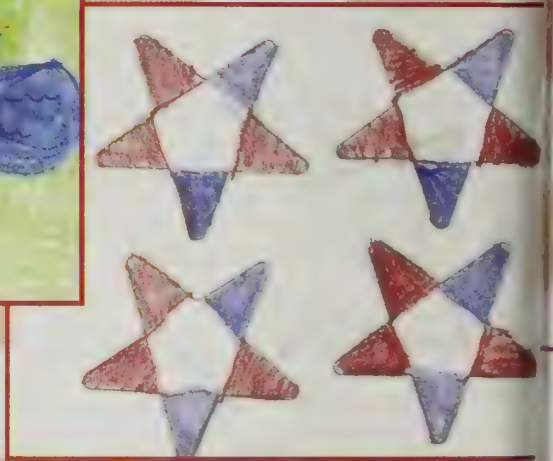
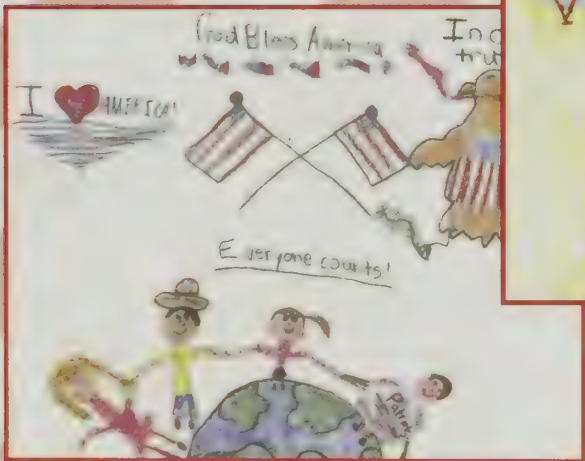
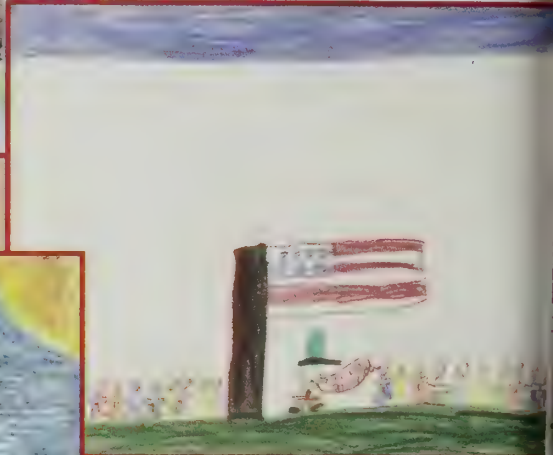
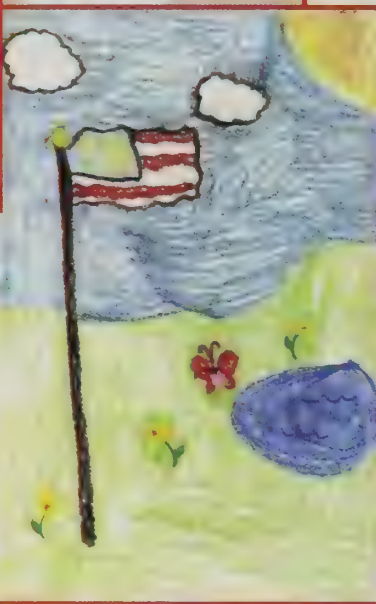
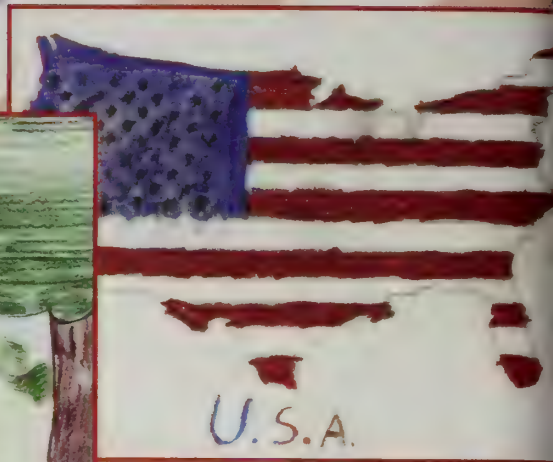




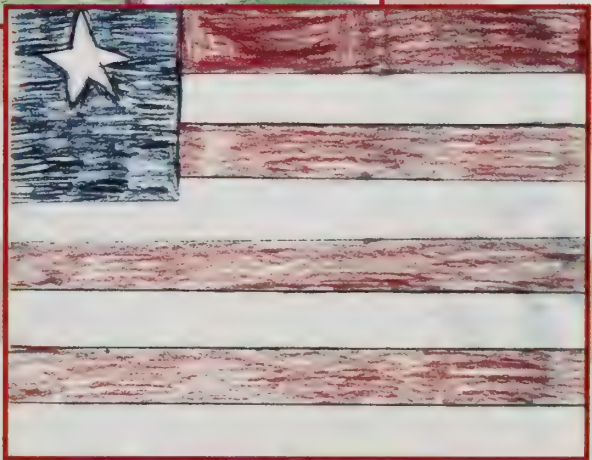
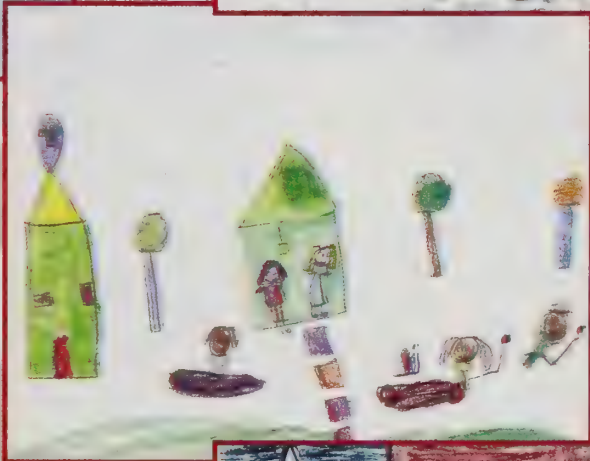
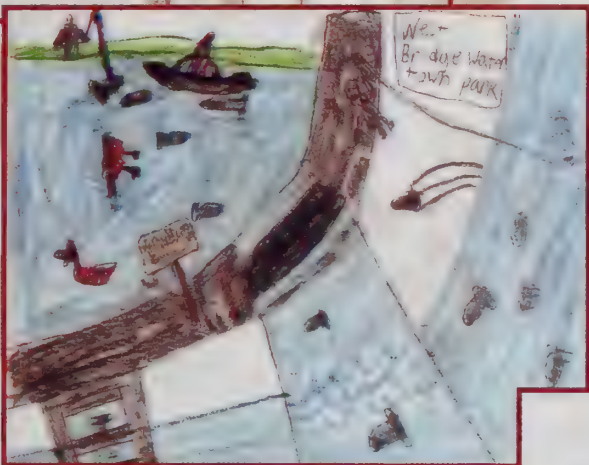
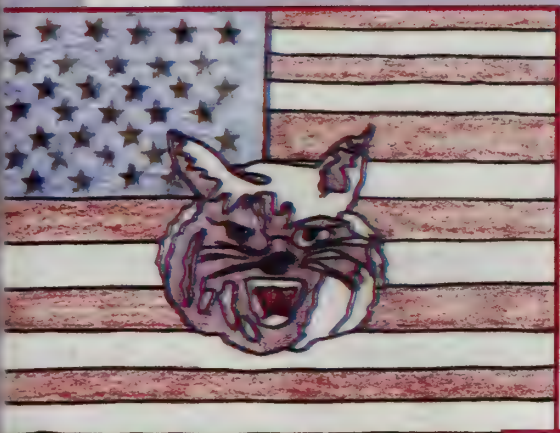
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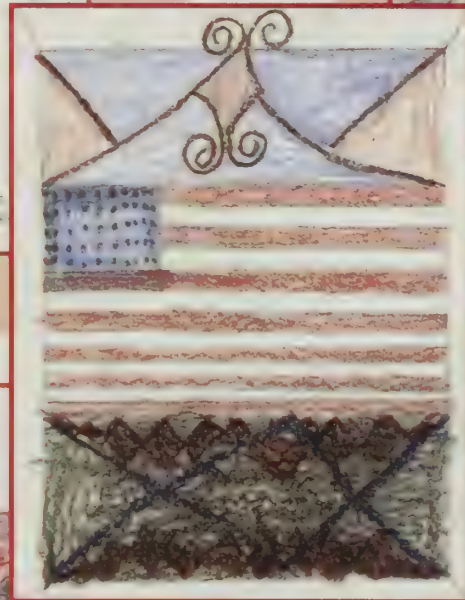
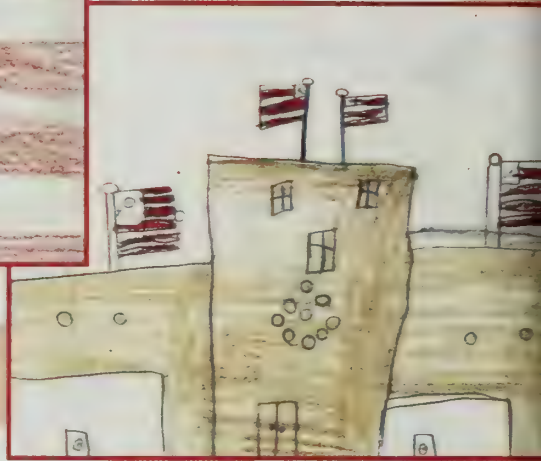
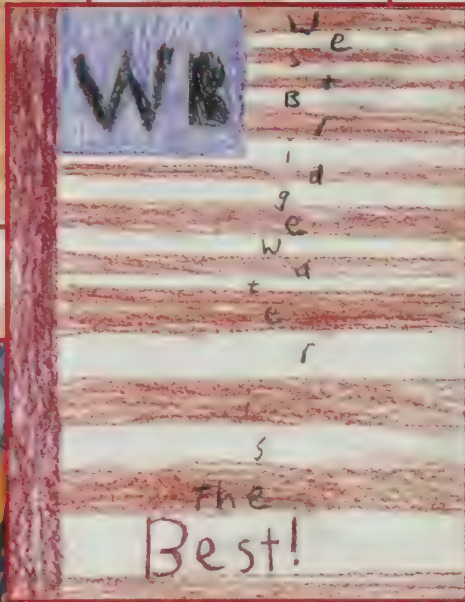
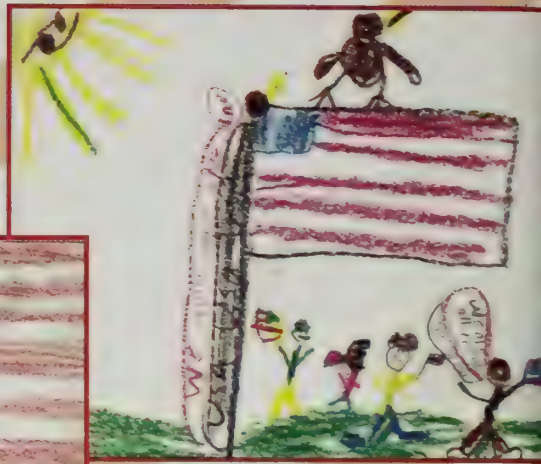












All art entries were done by  
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Rose L. MacDonald School.

My gratitude to the staff of  
the Rose L. MacDonald School,  
and in particular, Mrs. Everett  
and Mr. Moran for their assistance.

My heartfelt thanks to all of  
the children who put their pride  
in West Bridgewater in color!

Donna Larson,  
Confidential Secretary



# Participants in Cover Art Contest

David Niklason  
Kaitlyn Keenan  
Austin Lapsley  
Jessica Jorritsma  
Alyssa Gray  
Stephanie Rose Churchill  
Amelia Tayeh  
Gabrielle Conroy  
Hayley Sylvester  
Brenden Shea  
David Jamieson  
Coleman Paskell  
Claire Marden  
Billy Myers  
Julie Lawlor  
Brianna Palie  
Brian Podgurski  
Derek Holland  
Heather Morrill  
Eddie MacKinnon  
Alex Vargas

Stephen Ahern  
Lindsay Keith  
Andrew Conners  
Mark Woodward  
Alyssa Foley  
Bryan Souza  
Taylor Bradford  
Ryan Carty  
Nicholas Jagelski  
Maria Alfieri  
Jamie Kundicz  
Steven Molinari  
Edward Hill  
Ashley Faghan  
Ryan Bagge  
Rachel Olson  
Licinio Monteiro  
Tara Graziano  
Tara Menton  
Jacob Thomas  
David Yeo

**See Entries Printed Inside**

# Town of West Bridgewater



**2002**  
**Annual Town Report**



***THE 2002 TOWN REPORT  
IS DEDICATED  
TO***

***DESALES "DEE" HEATH  
1910 - 2002***

***Board of Assessors  
1977-2002***

***School Committee Member  
1963-1975***

**This Town Report is also dedicated  
to all Town Employees,  
past and present, who continue  
to serve the  
Town of West Bridgewater  
with dedication and pride.**





ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
TOWN OFFICERS  
AND COMMITTEES  
of the Town of  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
for the year ending  
December 31, 2002

*Pursuant to  
Town of West Bridgewater  
General By-Laws  
And  
Regulations  
(revised 1983, amended 1998)*

*Article VII – Selectmen  
Section 8*



*“The Selectmen shall have the printed annual reports of the Town ready for distribution and shall have copies available to the public at the Town Hall and other designated public buildings at least two (2) weeks prior to the beginning of the annual town meeting. Copies of the annual town report will be made available to each Town resident at the Annual Town Meeting.”*



# Board of Selectmen

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Massachusetts 02379  
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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 181st Annual Town Report.

The year 2002 saw many projects going on in the Selectmen's Office. Eldon Moreira retained his seat on the Board and he was again elected Chairman.

The Police Department put on two new Patrolmen, Officers Daniel Desmond and Richard Flaherty upon the retirement of Sergeants Robert Smith and Philip Tuck.

The Selectmen saw an addition to Town Hall started, which, when complete, will offer an elevator, new set of stairs and a new vault to the building, giving all second floor accessibility. This will enable the Selectmen to go forward and make usable office space out of the second floor of Town Hall, which is sorely needed.

The Selectmen also continued on the Senior Center construction project, breaking ground and beginning construction. This will offer the Senior Citizens of the Town a whole new building and more appropriate space to meet their needs.

Upon the completion of the Master Plan, the Selectmen appointed a Master Plan Implementation Committee and, at their recommendation, the Selectmen formed the Housing Committee, Center of Town Committee, and the Water Resource Management Committee to study those portions of the Master Plan in detail.

Also, the Selectmen made progress in developing a Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan for the Town, by appointing a Committee to implement a CWRMP for the Town.

With the hard work and dedication of Selectman Victor Flaherty, who also serves as Chairman of the Municipal Building Needs Committee, the High School saw a new addition to their building to enhance the service rooms needed for the students and expand the Library/Media Center.

The Selectmen saw the completion of the reconstructed DAM at War Memorial Park, with great efforts undertaken by Forestry and Parks Superintendent Christopher Iannitelli who secured 75% funding from the State for this project.



Roadwork was a priority for Selectmen as well, and thanks to the dedication of Highway Superintendent Thomas Green, they saw many roadway projects undertaken and completed.

The Selectmen faced many budgetary constraints this year, and pending constraints for the year to come. Most Capital Budget requests were either put on hold or minimally funded. They began discussions with the Finance Committee and Department Heads to plot a course of action to provide and maintain most services while achieving cost savings wherever possible.

The Board of Selectmen also saw the completion and acceptance of revisions to the Town's Zoning By-Laws. This project took many people, under the Chair of David Lacy, who devoted many months of time to undertaking this mammoth task. The Committee continues to work on reviewing and updating the Town's By-Laws under the Chair of William Lucini. When the Center of Town Committee completes its recommendations for a Center of Town District this Committee will oversee the public notice of these changes.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out and to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretaries, Donna Larson and Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors. Without them the wheels of government would grind to a halt.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Chairman  
Victor R. Flaherty, Clerk  
Richard J. Freitas, Member

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## **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

**Edward Medairos, Trustee of Beacon Park Realty Trust.**

**v.**

**Rent Control Board of the Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board which granted a rent increase to the plaintiff as the owner of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Extra Space Associates, Inc. et al**

**v.**

**Zoning Board of Appeals of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the Land Court by the plaintiff appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals which overruled the decision of the Building Inspector granting a building permit to the plaintiff for the construction of a self-service storage facility at 327 South Main Street. The Land Court, after a trial, entered judgment for the Zoning Board of Appeals. The plaintiff appealed such judgment to the Appeals Court and said Court has affirmed the judgment of the Land Court.

**Heather Travers**

**v.**

**Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought in the United States District Court in which the plaintiff sought damages from the Town for her alleged unlawful arrest by the Town's police officers. This case has been settled.

**Robert D. Bryant**

**v.**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a variance to the plaintiff from frontage requirements to build a single-family home on a vacant parcel of land on East Street. After a trial of this action, the Superior Court affirmed the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Dorine Josselyn**

**v.**

**Town of West Bridgewater**

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

This is an action brought in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing a decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals granting a special permit to James Clifford and Daniel Galvin for a change in use of nonconforming property at 131 West Street. After a trial of this action, the Superior Court affirmed the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**Cumberland Farms, Inc.**

**V.**

**Town of West Bridgewater  
Planning Board**

This is an action brought in the Land Court appealing a decision of the Planning Board which denied an endorsement, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81P, of a perimeter plan submitted by the plaintiff as one which did not require approval under the subdivision control law. The case has been heard in the Court but the Court's decision has not as yet been made.

**Conservation Commission**

**V.**

**L.H. Realty, L.L.C.**

This is an action brought by the Conservation Commission in the Plymouth County Superior Court which seeks an order from the Court ordering the defendant to comply, with respect to its land at 255 Pleasant Street, with the Wetlands Protection By-Law, and the Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations. This action is pending trial in the Superior Court.

**West Bridgewater Police Union  
and Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an Arbitration being held before the American Arbitration Association of a grievance filed by the Police Union which involves the Town's denial of the claim of Sergeant Philip Tuck for the benefits of Chapter 41, Section 111F of the General Laws with respect to an injury he sustained while working as a police officer.

**Philip Tuck**

**V.**

**West Bridgewater Police Department**

This is a complaint filed by Philip Tuck with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination alleging that he was discriminated against by the Town's Police Department because of his age and his disability.



REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/01	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2002
CEMETERIES					
PLEASANT HILL	\$ 5,418.36	\$ 206.42		\$ (5,513.26)	\$ 111.52
PINE HILL	\$ 5,736.76	\$ 130.39			\$ 5,867.15
TOWN CEMETERIES	\$ 16,133.09	\$ 576.99			\$ 16,710.08
					\$ -
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					\$ -
#1	\$ 18,498.77	\$ 661.59		\$ (2,298.00)	\$ 16,862.36
#2	\$ 8,074.34	\$ 288.76			\$ 8,363.10
#3	\$ 19,009.20	\$ 679.86			\$ 19,689.06
#4	\$ 19,011.07	\$ 679.92		\$ (1,986.98)	\$ 17,704.01
					\$ -
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	\$ 13,838.60	\$ 494.93			\$ 14,333.53
					\$ -
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	\$ 5,922.40	\$ 211.81			\$ 6,134.21
					\$ -
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 5,746.34	\$ 187.63		\$ (250.00)	\$ 5,683.97
					\$ -
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	\$ 1,699.21	\$ 233.83			\$ 1,933.04
					\$ -
DRURY BELL FUND	\$ 1,335.55	\$ 47.76		\$ (1,350.00)	\$ 33.31
					\$ -
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 561,590.17	\$ 14,785.36	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (175,000.00)	\$ 451,375.53
TOTALS	\$ 682,013.86	\$ 19,185.25	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (186,398.24)	\$ 564,800.87

INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE & MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE V	\$ 88,577.00
TOTALS	\$ 485.00
	\$ 89,062.00

On May 15, 2002 the Town of West Bridgewater borrowed \$4,504,108 for the following capital projects:

Police Dispatch Console	\$ 90,000.00
School Track	\$ 96,000.00
High School Roof	\$ 51,000.00
Town Hall Renovation	\$ 505,000.00
Water Corrosion Building	\$ 170,000.00
Senior Center	\$ 100,000.00
Library Roof	\$ 28,000.00
Athletic Fields	\$ 90,000.00
COA Van	\$ 50,000.00
Fire Dept. Plan	\$ 75,000.00
Generators	\$ 49,000.00
RLM School Paving	\$ 85,000.00
High School Renovation	\$ 900,000.00
Iron Removal Building/Well	\$ 1,800,000.00
Refinance Ladder Truck	\$ 337,063.00
Highway Truck	\$ 50,000.00
Forestry Tractor	\$ 28,045.00
Total Borrowing	\$ 4,504,108.00

The interest rate for the borrowing on these projects was 4.38%.

I would like to thank the following employees of the Treasurer/Collector's office for their support and professionalism in the day to day operation of the department: Janet Merritt, Kevan Sullivan, Maureen Adams, and Janice Golder. Without their help I would be at a total loss.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
JOHN G. DUGGAN  
Treasurer/Collector

REAL ESTATE

YEAR	6/30/2001 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS	FORECLOSURES DEFERRED	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2002 BALANCE
1989	\$ 165.66								\$ 165.66
1990	\$ 169.62								\$ 169.62
1991	\$ 446.82								\$ 446.82
1992	\$ 652.90								\$ 652.90
1993	\$ 289.14								\$ 289.14
1994	\$ 227.15								\$ 227.15
1995	\$ 233.28								\$ 233.28
1996	\$ 250.42								\$ 250.42
1997	\$ 444.16								\$ 278.00
1998	\$ 395.27								\$ 219.69
1999	\$ 797.78								\$ 615.68
2000	\$ 59,688.79								\$ 158.28
2001	\$ 330,978.41								\$ 35,623.61
2002	\$ (598.25)	\$ 10,229,008.90	\$ (161,147.07)	\$ 124,547.29	\$ (59,192.60)	\$ (36,319.93)	\$ -	\$ (9,989,510.12)	\$ 462,197.37
TOTALS	\$ 394,141.15	\$ 10,229,008.90	\$ (161,147.07)	\$ 124,547.29	\$ (59,192.60)	\$ (36,319.93)	\$ -	\$ (9,989,510.12)	\$ 501,527.62

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MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	6/30/2001 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2002 BALANCE
1999	\$ 6,276.07					
2000	\$ 14,552.30	\$ 63,728.45	\$ (6,193.69)		\$ (85.00)	\$ (2.62)
2001	\$ 143,813.42	\$ 152,036.35	\$ (1,072.57)	\$ 772.73	\$ (70,275.86)	\$ 7,705.05
2002		\$ 581,448.75	\$ (13,386.15)	\$ 7,591.77	\$ (275,083.67)	\$ 14,971.73
			\$ (16,564.68)	\$ 3,107.30	\$ (535,967.02)	\$ 32,024.35
TOTALS	\$ 164,641.79	\$ 797,213.56	\$ (37,217.09)	\$ 11,471.80	\$ (881,411.55)	\$ 22,674.16



PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
TAXES

YEAR	06/30/00 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/01 BALANCE
1995	\$ 208.75					\$	208.75
1996	\$ 223.25					\$	223.25
1997	\$ 2,559.60					\$	2,378.66
1998	\$ 2,071.19	\$				(180.94)	1,794.75
1999	\$ 3,980.66		(385.36)			(276.44)	2,411.38
2000	\$ 3,971.49	\$	(616.93)		(36.75)	(1,147.17)	1,728.02
2001	\$ 33,242.12		(6,652.23)	94.90		(1,626.54)	3,021.95
2002	\$ -	\$ 592,362.10	(9,483.14)	5,106.96		(23,662.84)	45,737.15
TOTALS	\$ 46,257.06	\$ 592,362.10	\$ (17,137.66)	\$ 5,201.86	\$ (36.75)	\$ (569,142.70)	\$ 57,503.91

WATER USE  
CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/01 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/02 BALANCE
1999	\$ (662.59)			(5.91)		(34.72)	(703.22)
2000	\$ 5,018.56			(7,409.55)		(2,254.97)	(4,645.96)
2001	\$ 51,542.07		(1,813.23)	(12,314.65)		(46,780.82)	(9,366.63)
2002	\$	\$ 636,113.86	(2,879.59)	114.13		(568,898.10)	64,450.30
TOTALS	\$ 55,898.04	\$ 636,113.86	\$ (4,692.82)	\$ (19,615.98)	\$ -	\$ (617,968.61)	\$ 49,734.49

WATER LIENS  
RECEIVABLES

YEAR	06/30/01 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/02 BALANCE
2000	\$ 1,193.32					\$	-
2001	\$ 5,539.31			(311.29)	(1,729.87)	(1,747.68)	1,750.47
2002	\$	\$ 27,942.59	(860.13)		210.94	(22,380.19)	4,913.21
TOTALS	\$ 6,732.63	\$ 27,942.59	\$ -	\$ (311.29)	\$ (1,518.93)	\$ (25,321.19)	\$ 6,663.68
TIE INS	\$ (18,090.00)	\$ 61,750.00				\$ (67,200.00)	\$ (23,540.00)

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Revenues and Other Sources,  
and Expenditures and Other Uses - Budget and Actual -  
General Fund

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Amended <u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues and Other sources:			
Property taxes	\$ 10,620,914	\$ 10,620,914	\$ -
Excise	751,000	874,189	123,189
Charges for services	392,114	399,937	7,823
Departmental	85,000	78,071	(6,929)
Penalty and interest	70,000	89,754	19,754
Licenses and permits	113,500	165,989	52,489
Intergovernmental	3,445,971	3,411,382	(34,589)
Fines and forfeitures	160,200	159,281	(919)
Interest earnings	100,000	86,212	(13,788)
Miscellaneous	30,000	44,811	14,811
Other sources - free cash	215,552	215,552	-
Transfers in	6,500	6,500	-
Other sources - overlay surplus	58,165	58,165	-
Total Revenues and Other Sources	<u>16,048,916</u>	<u>16,210,757</u>	<u>161,841</u>
Expenditures and Other Uses:			
General government	1,037,966	1,011,472	26,494
Public safety	2,644,984	2,642,518	2,466
Education	7,885,008	7,877,378	7,630
Public works	681,522	681,303	219
Health and human services	222,680	217,972	4,708
Culture and recreation	428,731	429,277	(546)
Debt service	967,534	1,007,780	(40,246)
Intergovernmental	269,634	282,375	(12,741)
Employee benefits	1,377,770	1,308,191	69,579
Articles	283,331	286,697	(3,366)
Transfer out	241,040	241,040	-
Other uses	8,716	8,716	-
Total Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>16,048,916</u>	<u>15,994,719</u>	<u>54,197</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>216,038</u>	\$ <u>216,038</u>

The notes to the financial statements  
are an integral part of this statement.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund Types and Similar Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Proprietary Fund Type Water Enterprise	Fiduciary Fund Type Non-Expendable Trust
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ 114,667	\$ 67
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	46,800	-
Increase/Decrease in:		
Receivables	10,759	-
Warrants Payable	<u>(11,721)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided From Operating Activities	160,505	67
Cash Flows For Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Interest on bonds	(18,728)	-
Payment of bonds	<u>(46,800)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided By Capital and Related Financing Activities	(65,528)	-
Cash Flows For Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Transfer out	<u>(76,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided By Non-Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(76,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	18,477	67
Cash, July 1, 2001	<u>248,291</u>	<u>86,035</u>
Cash, June 30, 2002	<u><u>\$ 266,768</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,102</u></u>
Reconciliation of Trust Fund Cash:		
Total trust fund cash		\$ 1,050,604
less expendable and agency		<u>(964,502)</u>
Nonexpendable Cash		<u><u>\$ 86,102</u></u>



Combined Balance Sheet -  
All Fund Types and Account Group

June 30, 2002

ASSETS

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Proprietary</u>	<u>Fiduciary</u>	<u>Account Group</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Fund Types</u>	<u>Fund Types</u>	<u>General Long</u>	<u>(Memorandum</u>
		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Projects</u>	<u>Enterprise</u>	<u>Trust and</u>	<u>Term Debt</u>	<u>Only</u>
Cash and cash investments	\$ 1,946,700	\$ 430,462	\$ 3,183,014	\$ 266,768	\$ 1,050,604	\$ -	\$ 6,877,548
Receivables:							
Property taxes	823,347	-	-	-	-	-	823,347
Excise	54,699	-	-	-	-	-	54,699
Utilities	-	-	-	64,167	-	-	64,167
Departmental	382,616	-	-	-	-	-	382,616
Fixed assets	-	-	-	2,103,400	-	-	2,103,400
Amount to be provided for the retirement of general long-term debt	-	-	-	-	-	5,295,950	5,295,950
Amount to be provided by Commonwealth	-	-	-	-	-	2,956,650	2,956,650
Total Assets	\$ 3,207,362	\$ 430,462	\$ 3,183,014	\$ 2,434,335	\$ 1,050,604	\$ 8,252,600	\$ 18,558,377

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:							
Warrants payable	\$ 852,141	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 852,141
Deferred revenues	1,185,922	-	-	-	-	-	1,185,922
Anticipation notes payable	-	280,000	-	-	-	-	280,000
Bonds payable	-	-	-	2,103,400	-	8,252,600	10,356,000
Escrow payable	-	-	-	-	241,060	-	241,060
Other liabilities	172,448	-	-	-	68,438	-	240,886
Total Liabilities	2,210,511	280,000	-	2,103,400	309,498	8,252,600	13,156,009
Fund Equity:							
Fund balances:							
Reserved for encumbrances	282,714	-	-	40,461	-	-	323,175
Reserve for expenditures	270,177	-	-	-	-	-	270,177
Reserve for endowments	-	-	-	-	86,102	-	86,102
Unreserved	443,960	150,462	3,183,014	-	555,004	-	4,432,440
Retained earnings	-	-	-	290,474	-	-	290,474
Total Fund Equity	996,851	150,462	3,183,014	330,935	741,106	-	5,402,368
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$ 3,207,362	\$ 430,462	\$ 3,183,014	\$ 2,434,335	\$ 1,050,604	\$ 8,252,600	\$ 18,558,377

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and  
Changes in Fund Balance -

All Governmental Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds

For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

	Governmental Fund Types			Fiduciary	Totals
	General Fund	Special Revenues	Capital Projects	Fund Types Expendable Trust Funds	(Memorandum Only)
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 10,627,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,627,078
Excise	874,189	-	-	-	874,189
Charges for services	399,937	-	-	-	399,937
Interest and penalties	89,754	-	-	-	89,754
Licenses and permits	165,989	-	-	-	165,989
Departmental	78,071	-	-	-	78,071
Fines and forfeitures	159,281	-	-	-	159,281
Intergovernmental	4,250,666	828,126	-	-	5,078,792
Interest earnings	86,212	-	-	18,951	105,163
Miscellaneous	4,931	583,850	-	2,195	590,976
Total Revenue	16,736,108	1,411,976	-	21,146	18,169,230
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Current:					
General government	991,294	795,722	162,000	-	1,948,016
Public safety	2,611,706	1,917	65,902	-	2,679,525
Education	8,893,409	617,875	620,672	1,600	10,133,556
Public works	686,863	255,550	159,609	5,513	1,107,535
Human services	220,882	-	56,444	-	277,326
Culture and recreation	425,706	14,676	28,045	4,285	472,712
Employee benefits	1,307,824	-	-	-	1,307,824
Debt service	1,007,780	-	-	-	1,007,780
Intergovernmental	282,375	-	-	-	282,375
Articles	354,491	-	-	-	354,491
Total Expenditures	16,782,330	1,685,740	1,092,672	11,398	19,572,140
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditure	(46,222)	(273,764)	(1,092,672)	9,748	(1,402,910)
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>					
Operating transfers in	6,500	-	267,540	50,000	324,040
Operating transfers (out)	(241,040)	(6,500)	-	-	(247,540)
Bond proceeds	-	-	4,504,000	-	4,504,000
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	(234,540)	(6,500)	4,771,540	50,000	4,580,500
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	(280,762)	(280,264)	3,678,868	59,748	3,177,590
Fund Balance, July 1, 2001	1,277,613	430,726	(495,854)	595,256	1,807,741
Fund Balance, June 30, 2002	\$ 996,851	\$ 150,462	\$ 3,183,014	\$ 655,004	\$ 4,985,331

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
2002 STATISTICS**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

**PRECINCT ONE**

Democrat	475
Green	2
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Libertarian	13
Reform	2
Republican	488
Socialist	1
Unenrolled	1237
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2237</b>

**PRECINCT TWO**

Democrat	508
Green	2
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1
Libertarian	10
Reform	0
Republican	411
Socialist	0
Unenrolled	1170
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2407</b>

**TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4321**

**TOTAL POPULATION**

6759

**RESIDENCE STATISTICS**

2,454 – Housing Units

168 – Vacant

**20023– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

April 19, 2002

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**20023– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

June 9, 20023

7:00 p.m.

**2004– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

April 10, 2004

**2004– STATE PRIMARY**

September 14 2004

**2004 – STATE ELECTION**

November 2, 2004



**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLYMOUTH DIST.**  
Christine E. Canavan

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**  
Edward M. Kennedy  
John F. Kerry

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**  
Stephen F. Lynch

**COUNCILOR – 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**  
Kelly A. Timilty

**STATE SENATOR**  
Brian A. Joyce

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS  
2002**

	<u>Term Elected</u>	<u>Expires</u>
<b><u>MODERATOR</u></b>		
S. Erick Benson.....	2000	2003
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
Marion L. Leonard.....	2000	2003
<b>SELECTMEN</b>		
Victor R. Flaherty.....	2000	2003
Richard J. Freitas.....	2001	2004
Eldon F. Moreira.....	2002	2005
<b>ASSESSORS</b>		
Donald L. Miller.....	2000	2003
DeSales Heath.....(Deceased).....	2001	2004
Irving W. Puffer.....	2002	2003
Robert W. Lundin.....	2002	2005
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		
Robert Sullivan.....	2000	2003
Joan Sheedy.....	2001	2003
James Benson.....	2001	2004
Beth Rogers.....(resigned).....	2001	2004
Martha Linden.....	2002	2004
Thomas Driscoll.....	2002	2005
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
M. Lynne Tartaglia.....	2000	2003
Daniel G. West.....	2000	2003
William McCole.....	2001	2004
Nancy Maloney.....	2001	2004
Marianne Welch-Batstone.....	2002	2005
<b>WATER COMMISSIONERS</b>		
Donald G. Asack.....	2000	2003
David L. Churchill.....	2001	2004
John W. Noyes.....	2002	2005

#### TREE WARDEN

Christopher D. Iannitelli.....	2000	2003
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#### CONSTABLES

Raymond L. Silva.....	2001	2004
Walter Thayer.....	2001	2004

#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Bradford Piesco.....(resigned).....	2000	2003
Jerry D. Lawrence ... (appointed).....	2002	2003
Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004
Sandra Asack.....(resigned).....	2002	2005

#### PLANNING BOARD

Grete Bohannon.....	1998	2003
James Henderson.....(resigned).....	1999	2004
Anthony Kinahan.....	2002	2004
Howard Anderson.....	2000	2005
Hugh Hurley.....	2001	2006
Gerald Stetson.....	2002	2007

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Bradford Piesco .....(resigned).....	1998	2003
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2002	2003
Richard J. Freitas.....	1999	2004
John Cruz.....	2000	2005
Marion L. Leonard.....	2001	2006
Raymund Rogers.....	2002	2007

#### OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE  
Dr. Robert H. White, School Superintendent  
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS  
Richard Flaherty  
Thomas Richmond



**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	1998	2003
James Henderson.....	2001	2002
Walter Thayer.....(Resigned).....	2000	2005
Armen Amerigian.....	2002	2005
William E. Lucini.....	2001	2006
John DeCosta, Jr.....	2002	2007
<b>Associate Members:</b>		
Marian Spencer.....	2001	2002
Armen Amerigian.....	2001	2005

**BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE**

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

**BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Richard J. Freitas, Designee

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Joseph Vasapollo, Jr.

**BYLAW COMMITTEE**

Grete Bohannon  
Richard Krugger

L. Gary Eliasson  
David Lacy  
Peter Moroni

Richard Freitas  
William Lucini

**ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Edward Gardner

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

	<u>Appointed</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Vacancy.....	2000	2003
Richard Domingos.....	2000	2003
Michael D. Feresten.....	2000	2003
Donald Miller.....	2001	2004
Julio Miglierini.....	2001	2004
Peter Turner.....	2002	2005
Vacancy.....	2003	2005

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Elizabeth D. Faricy

**COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John Duggan  
Elizabeth Faricy

Dr. Robert H. White

David Moran  
John Miller

Paul Golder  
Raymund Rogers  
Beth Smith  
Joyce Francis

Donna Larson

Jacqueline Lee

## Vacancy

Joseph G. Gindhart.....	2002	2003
William Clancy.....	2001	2003
Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004
Richard Palin.....	2002	2005
Winfield R. Weatherby.....	2002	2005

Virginia Nolan.....	2002	2003
Ruth Emberg Johnson.....	2001	2003
Anna Brown.....	2000	2003
Virginia Michael.....	2000	2003
David Cohen.....	2000	2003
Frank Nelson, Jr.....	2001	2004
George Massey.....	2001	2004
Henry Bishop.....	2002	2005
James McGuigan.....	2002	2005

Kathleen Massey.....	2001	2004
Linda Kurinskas.....	2001	2004
Lorraine Mardo.....	2001	2004
Christine Mardo.....	2002	2004
Carolyn Ritucci.....	2002	2005
Deborah Tisdale.....	2002	2005

Victor R. Flaherty

Mary Harrington Graf

Leonard T. Hunt

Ronald P. Snell

**FENCE VIEWERS**

Joseph Souza

Harold Hallberg

Hugh Hurley

**FIELD DRIVERS**

George Richardson

Howard A. Anderson

Vacant

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON**

Elizabeth D. Faricy

**FIRE CHIEF**

Leonard T. Hunt

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Leonard T. Hunt

**HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE**

Virginia T. Michael

Kevan Sullivan

Bruce Holmquist

Marilyn Kincade

Ryan Kincade

Grace Bjorklund

Leonard Hunt

**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**

Leonard T. Hunt

**HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Raymund Rogers

Phyllis Bickford

Paul Golder

Vacancy

Vacancy

Vacancy

**HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN**

Vacancy.....		2003
Joan McAndrew.....	2001	2004
Vacancy.....		2005

**HERRING WARDEN**

Thomas B. MacQuinn

Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy

Joseph Souza, Deputy

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Ann Marie Sheedy.....	2001	2003
Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio.....	2001	2003
Gregory Sheedy.....	2001	2003
Noreen D'Andrea.....	2001	2003
Francine Sheedy.....	2001	2004
John Newell.....	2001	2004
Ann Harrington.....	2002	2005
Katharine Turner.....	2002	2005

**INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Robert DeMarino.....	1998	2003
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....	2001	2006
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	2002	2007
<b>Advisory Committee:</b>		
Vacancy.....		2005
Vacancy.....		2005



Bruce Holmquist

## SUB-COMMITTEES

## HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmer – Fred Hartblay – Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith – Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

## MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

## Vacancy

## MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Richard McMahon  
Robert Kominsky

## MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Charles R. Barros.....	1997	2003
Irene Churchill.....	2001	2004
Linda Hambly.....	2002	2005
Craig Harding.....	2002	2005
Barbara Roulstone.....	2002	2006

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

James Enos.....	2002	2003
Michael Centrella.....	1999	2003
Beth Roll Smith.....	2001	2003
Marco Barile.....	2002	2004
John Bottini.....	2001	2004
Richard Freitas.....	2001	2004
Thomas Kilpatrick.....	2002	2005
Victor Flaherty.....	2002	2005

## MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Scott Weatherbee

## O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate  
Mary Harrington Graf, Delegate

**OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate..... 2001                      2004

**OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.**

George Massey, Delegate  
Virginia Michael, Alternate

**OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate                      Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Howard W. Hayward	Mary Adams
Jac MacDonald	Jody Driscoll
Beth Miltner	Vacancy
Vacancy	Vacancy
Walter Healy	Vacancy
Barry Meltzer	Lorraine Mardo
Christopher Iannitelli	Beth Roll Smith

**PARKING CLERK**

Richard J. Freitas

**PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT**

Christopher Iannitelli.....2001                      2004

**PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

Joseph Donovan

**POLICE CHIEF**

Robert W. Kominsky

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE**

Eldon F. Moreira

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

John S. Newell, III  
Vacancies

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Francis J. Boyd.....	2000	2003
Marion L. Leonard, Clerk.....	2000	2003
Lois Barros.....	2001	2004
Janet Merritt.....	2002	2005

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS**

Herbert A. Wolfer

**SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Frank W. Nelson	Mary H Graf	Richard Freitas
Eldon F. Moreira	Donald Miller	Hugh Hurley
George Massey	Victor Flaherty	Albert Salvador

**SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Robert W. Kominsky  
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.

Armen Amerigian

Kevin Conway  
Richard McMahon

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Raymond L. Silva  
Robert Smith  
Donald Jenness – Herring Warden

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Thomas C. Green

**TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE**

Marianne Lorrain

Kevin Kelley

Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Kevin Flynn

**TOWN COUNCIL**

John P. Lee

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Thomas MacQuinn  
Christopher Iannitelli

Keith Hahl  
Vacant

**TOWN PARK COMMITTEE**

Vacancy  
Christopher Iannitelli

Marian MacDonald  
Jerry Lawrence

Christopher Werner  
Jac MacDonald

**TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Christopher Iannitelli

Christopher Cross  
Susan Cross

Jac MacDonald

**TOWN WEIGHER**

Officer Michael Cummings

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

John G. Duggan

**VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT**

Leonard Graf III

**VETERANS AGENT**

Armen Amerigian

**WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

William Clancy  
Christopher Iannitelli  
Jac MacDonald  
Francine Sheedy

Howard Hayward  
Charles Johnson  
Eldon Moreira  
Katharine Turner

Marlene Howell  
Jerry D. Lawrence  
Gregory Sheedy  
Vacancy

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL**

Richard Krugger, Jr.



**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Albert K. Greiner

**WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Leonard T. Hunt, Director

Robert Kominsky, Deputy

Bruce Holmquist, Deputy

Ronald Snell, Deputy

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

**COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joanna Savage  
Paul Sheedy

Marion Loughman

Henry Bishop  
Michael Manugian

**STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

Raymond L. Silva  
Vacancy

Vacancy

Robert L. Kellie  
Vacancy

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Wade Estabrooks.....	2002	2003
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS.....	2000	2003
Sandra White.....	2000	2003
Matthew Albanese.....	2002	2004
Joseph Ritucci.....	2001	2004
Richard Heath.....	2001	2004
Pamela Humphreys.....	2002	2005
Robert L. Smith.....	2002	2005
Scott Weatherbee.....	2002	2005

**MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION**

William Pope  
Richard Freitas  
Jeffrey Russell

John F. Bottini, Jr.  
Warren Sederberg  
Thomas Kilpatrick

Sonja Bolmant  
David Gill  
Victor Flaherty

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Lee Anderson

Howard A. Anderson

**BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN**

Dr. Brian Blanchette

**BURIAL AGENTS**

Marion L. Leonard

Nancy L. Morrison

Bruce Holmquist

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE  
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

Richard W. Gibson

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS**

Paul R. Lanoue	Paul Golder	Allen A. Breer
Michael D. St.George	James J. Rocha	Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson	C. Douglas Hill	Kenneth J. May
Anthony V. Ciccolo	Charles T. Hatch	John A. Bartorelli
David L. Niklason		William R. Choate

**LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES**

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	\$102,257.40
Transfer Station	61,905.00
Fish and Game Fees	329.35
Dog Licenses and fines	7,984.00
Non-criminal Fines	1,425.00
Passport processing fees	4,895.00
Misc. receipts	23,370.62
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	\$202,166.37
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	\$ 6,732.00
Total	\$208,898.37

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## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2002 BIRTHS

#### JANUARY

- 4 Paige Elizabeth Casavant....Steven Russell Casavant & Anne Marie St. George
- 24 Ketale Vixamar....Khinson Vixamar & Chantale Dolce
- 26 Noah Samuel Lanner....Brian H. Lanner & Michelle P. Nirenberg
- 30 Grace Elizabeth Flynn....William L. Flynn III & Julie Ann Fallon

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Charlotte Marie Maloney....Charles M. Maloney & Linnea K. Mancini
- 4 Ryan Joseph Sullivan....Matthew J. Sullivan & Susan M. McDonough
- 23 Matthew Christopher Hatch....Christopher M. Hatch & Jessica L. Flanagan

#### MARCH

- 6 Alexander William Flamos....Timothy Flamos & Laurie A. Gureckis
- 6 Christopher James Smith....Christopher C. Smith & Molly Pearsall
- 18 Cole Ryan Perrault....Edmund L. Perrault & Kimberly J. Bernard
- 18 Evan Joseph Perrault....Edmund L. & Kimberly J. Bernard
- 21 Jefferson William Roberts....Allen W. Roberts & Kristine A. Freitas
- 27 Leah Christine Cipitelli....Robert T. Cipitelli & Gayle Ann Burkett

#### APRIL

- 7 Casimir James Ryan....Jeffrey P. Ryan & Karen McOwen
- 15 Lydia Rose Ventresco....Peter Albert Ventresco & Michelle McDermott
- 18 Kaitlyn Virginia Abreu....Lawrence W. Abreu & Beth A. Dyer
- 18 William Arthur Simmons....William J. Simmons & Iryna A. Khzshnyak
- 22 Grace Alexandra LaRosa....Jeffrey D. LaRosa & Rebecca A. Dykes
- 23 Matthew Christopher Lavoie....Christopher G. Lavoie & Kristen M. Carter

#### MAY

- 2 Alexander Jaylan Babb....Ephrem C. Babb & Allison Ita Ducuruew
- 10 Caitlin Rayne Kaprelian....Craig A. Kaprelian & Kelly A. O'Brien
- 15 Sydney Elizabeth Eaton....Jeffrey W. Eaton & Susan R. Hayes
- 17 Reianagh Nichole Taylor...Donald E. Taylor & Fedelma C. Mullen
- 30 Jennifer Pakouchy Herr....Jerry N. Herr & Nancy F. Fang
- 30 Matthew Norman Bellamy....Daniel M. Bellamy & Susan L. Matthew
- 31 Jayant Wadhwa....Nikhil Wadhwa & Priyanka Narang



## **JUNE**

- 4 Tyler Robert Stone....John F. Stone & Patricia A. Rice
- 5 Matthew Robert Wright....Howard R. Wright & Beverly G. Butler
- 11 Sydney Rose Guindon....James P. Guindon & Christine M. Meleo
- 12 Patrick Michael Butler....John J. Butler & Carolyn F. Hilliard
- 13 Joseph Michael Harrington....James E. Harrington, Jr. & Ann Shirley McDonough
- 17 Caroline Davis Nelson....Christopher E. Nelson & Jennifer Davis
- 23 Sarah E. Souaidan....Elias I. Souaidan & Carole K. Khazaal
- 26 Gabriel Alexander Levine....Marc J. Levine & Meri Aschner

## **JULY**

- 1 Tyler Andrew May....Robert R. May, Jr. & Kimberly Ann Ricker
- 12 Kevin William Lindsay....Kevin J. Lindsay & Denise Marie Mehl
- 12 Harmony Katriel Rivers....Mark Rivers & Alia R. Johnson
- 21 Jake Thomas Siltanen....Dana E. Siltanen & Lisa M. Belanger
- 23 Abigail Olivia Hunt....Jeffrey M. Hunt & Tracy A. Williams
- 23 Marissa Madison LeMar....David J. LeMar & Laurinda S. Goncalves
- 23 Patrick Justin McCabe....Daniel C. McCabe & Christine Carton

## **AUGUST**

- 9 Isabelle Sara Fleurette....Remi P. Fleurette & Kelly Walker
- 24 George Elais Karam....George N. Karam & Marlene W. Bou Malhab
- 29 Ashley Perry Flaherty....Richard W. Flaherty & Melissa A. Gelsi
- 29 Brianna Alissa Flaherty....Richard W. Flaherty & Melissa A. Gelsi

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Noah Thomas Bellevue....Keith T. Bellevue & Sarah Barry
- 3 Kiera Ann Marquis....John V. Marquis & Brenda A. Hughes
- 14 Brandon Nicholas Torres Froio....Danny J. Froio & Chastity Torres
- 29 Kaitlyn Elisabeth Myers....John J. Myers & Mary A. Coe

## **OCTOBER**

- 16 Tyler Scott Sampson....Scott J. Sampson & Jennifer M. Santagato
- 28 Samuel Wayne Souza....Jason E. Souza & Laurie L. Pita
- 30 Kyle Joseph Polcari....John J. Polcari & Deborah A. Bunker

## **NOVEMBER**

- 1 Veronica Marie Newman....Jeffrey Newman & Mariline Cosme
- 28 Benjamin Martin Smith....Brian C. Smith, Sr. & Robin M. McNamara

## DECEMBER

- 2 Luke Edward Brown....Craig E. Brown & Lee P. McIlmail
- 4 Charles Hong Gee....Barry S. Gee & Donna Ann Patton
- 4 Adam Jay Smith....Wade A. Smith & Stephanie L. Blinn
- 13 Nicole Marythelma Tatelbaum....Edward A. Tatelbaum & Jennifer Marie Mikenas
- 18 Kyle Thomas Sarney....Craig A. Sarney & Michelle L. Fobert
- 20 Elise Claire Puliafico....Joseph Puliafico & Lynette M. Savoie

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2002 DEATHS

#### JANUARY

2	Ruth Louise Campbell
2	Edward Antony Marlenga
5	James H. Wyllie
12	Beulah Frances Sweet
17	Alfred Eugene Grady
19	Ethel Murphy
24	Maria Vieira
30	Anna Louise Holloway
30	Grace D. Keenan

#### FEBRUARY

1	Vera E. Lawson
2	Dorothy W. Doane
6	Richard Eugene Davock, Sr.
7	Marguerite W. Haynes
8	Sarah A. Bissett
10	Helen Louise O'Brien
13	Gertrude M. Dyke
17	Moniria I. Whynot
21	Carl R. Cassiani
25	Frank X. Barcellos
25	Albin S. Rock
28	Margaret Virginia Welch

#### MARCH

4	Patricia A. Irish
5	DeSales J. Heath
7	Lorelei M. Brearley
8	Barry P. Conant
10	Richard J. Cochrane
10	Mildred K. Taunton
11	Thomas Kenneth Gauthier, Jr.
21	Dorothy Mae Batson
25	Frank Martelli
30	Marie Cornwall
30	Joan McConnell



## APRIL

4	William L. Carson
7	James Eng
8	Barbara Emery
8	H. Joseph LaBelle
9	Louise Curtis
11	Henry Carrozza
11	Vivian A. Goyette
14	Russell C. Wood
25	Lily A. Ramm
25	Betty Alden Miller
28	Sarkis Seropian

## MAY

11	Lawrence W. Kostant
13	Ann Millicent Valade
19	Rose Berger
19	Alice Elizabeth Selivonchik
23	Charles B. Prime
26	Florence A. Houchin
28	Josephine A. Helfand

## JUNE

3	Corinne Getchell
5	Walter Ellis Darragh, Sr.
12	Kathleen M. Bedrosian
12	Leonard Frank Orcutt, Sr.
13	Monica J. Herbert
16	Virginia R. Lovell
16	John Ambrose Tierney
17	Donald Richardson

## JULY

16	Andrea Ralli
26	Alton Spencer Eaton
27	Joanne A. Bartorelli
27	Glenn R. Miller
30	Marion L. Sullivan

## AUGUST

1	Kathleen Elizabeth Burke
1	William Charles Rolfe
5	Gertrude Gordon
6	Gertrude H. Burrill
7	Rita E. Raczkowski
9	Katherine Johnson
15	William A. Trainer, Jr.
15	Paul Zonfrelli
16	Mary G. Flaherty
21	Marie E. Sullivan
23	Kostanty Kofton
26	Mabel E. Patt
26	Lena R. Shepard
29	Rudolph Fontaine
29	Florence E. Peterson
30	Lucile Alma Tibbetts

## SEPTEMBER

2	George C. Lindsay, Jr.
12	Frances A. Ciccolo
12	Edith Mae Yesucevitz
14	Winifred C. Dragone
14	Roger P. Zenavich
17	Eleanor M. Masters
19	Florence C. Joy
23	Gertrude Mary Donahue
27	Frances Bielskis
28	Albert J. Foley
30	Ellen L. Migliorini

## OCTOBER

7	John Albert Quist
10	Lloyd D. Keith
10	Elizabeth G. Snow
12	Edna C. Stevens
13	Henry C. Flores
21	Roy Linwood Hayden
21	Nellio O. Filippini
25	Joseph R. Spadea

## NOVEMBER

2	Gertrude May Herrick
8	Edith Merriam Jones
8	Alma H. Raleigh
10	Jennie Wood
15	Maxwell Maker
20	Louis Cataldo
29	Joseph P. Menutole

## DECEMBER

5	Annette Rose Lanoue
8	Genevieve Cecelia Goodwin
8	Fannie M. Viola
12	Mary M. Connell
14	Laura H. Pita
16	Timothy Oliver Melanson
18	Ruth S. Wilson
19	Edward Mason McCullough
19	Josephine P. Piepiora
21	Evelyn R. Hicks
22	Ernest W. Bemis
22	Gertrude Kimball Estabrooks



## **TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

### **2002 MARRIAGES**

#### **JANUARY**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **FEBRUARY**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **MARCH**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **APRIL**

- 6 Paul D. DePalma of W. Bridgewater & Heather M. McLaughlin of W. Bridgewater
- 6 Michael E. Horsman of W. Bridgewater & Patricia A. Rich of W. Bridgewater
- 27 Keith T. Bellevue of W. Bridgewater & Sarah Barry of W. Bridgewater

#### **MAY**

- 4 Robert C. Dias of W. Bridgewater & Stacy A. Sullivan of W. Bridgewater
- 4 Paul V. Kechejian of W. Bridgewater & Christine M. Chisholm of W. Bridgewater
- 10 David H. Clancy of W. Bridgewater & Corinne L. Masaitis of W. Bridgewater
- 11 Anthony V. Ciccolo of W. Bridgewater & Kelley Ann Lange of W. Bridgewater
- 27 Jeffrey N. Newman of W. Bridgewater & Mariline Cosme of W. Bridgewater

#### **JUNE**

- 7 Richard J. Bartelamia of W. Bridgewater & Paula E. Breen of W. Bridgewater
- 15 Devin R. McMurray of Hopkinton & Cathleen P. Cummings of Hopkinton
- 15 Matt R. Prives of Marshfield & Andrea L. Regan of W. Bridgewater
- 22 Eric W. Ledin of Franklin & Sharon L. Leonard of Franklin
- 22 Matthew J. Parechan of Weymouth & Stacey L. Crowell of W. Bridgewater

## **JULY**

- 6 Linwood Donald Stone, Jr. of W. Bridgewater & Allison Michelle Baroud of W. Bridgewater
- 25 Joshua Jacob Smith of Raynham & Anita Lynn Brooks of W. Bridgewater
- 27 Jonathan D. Winchell of W. Bridgewater & Melinda M. Holland of Uxbridge

## **AUGUST**

- 2 William A. Tierney of W. Bridgewater & Karen A. Dyson of W. Bridgewater
- 3 David John Lesser of Cut Off, LA & Terri Lyn Martin of New Orleans, LA
- 10 John Joseph Cunningham of W. Bridgewater & Linda Jeanne Braune of W. Bridgewater
- 24 Joseph A. Dias of W. Bridgewater & Rhona Walker of W. Bridgewater
- 24 Robert E. McLaughlin Jr. of W. Bridgewater & Barbara S. Knight of W. Bridgewater
- 25 William J. Bryan of W. Bridgewater & Janet R. Anderson of W. Bridgewater

## **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 John-Patrick Hauvuy of W. Bridgewater & Kelli M. Jones of W. Bridgewater
- 7 Jared D. Cassidy of W. Bridgewater & Noel McCoy O'Regan of Carver
- 7 Chad Scott Cassidy of Bridgewater & Karey Jean Kennedy of Bridgewater
- 14 Antonio Lionel Capela of New Bedford & Maria Doris Sanches of New Bedford
- 21 Richard J. O'Sullivan II of Bridgewater & Lynne M. Piepiora of Bridgewater
- 27 David S. Chelmo of W. Bridgewater & Malissa Ann Ford of W. Bridgewater

## **OCTOBER**

- 4 Kenneth F. MacDonald of W. Bridgewater & Frances I. Denvir of W. Bridgewater
- 5 Patrick Sullivan of Brockton & Angela G. Stull of W. Bridgewater
- 19 Geoffrey Shaw Kerton of W. Bridgewater & Terry Marie O'Neill of W. Bridgewater
- 19 Kevin Paul Millette of Plymouth & Kristin Allan of Plymouth

## **NOVEMBER**

- 30 Paul H. Amelotte, Jr. of Brockton & Diane L. Morris of Brockton

**DECEMBER**

- 18     Kenneth W. Wilson of W. Bridgewater & Marybeth Currivan of W.  
         Bridgewater
- 28     Mitchell J. Hunt of W. Bridgewater & Katherine N. Delvecchio of W.  
         Bridgewater



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

**ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**APRIL 13, 2002**

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 13. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and the by-laws of the Town posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on April 4, 2002.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2500 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed a total of 662 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marilyn Raleigh, Beverly Reynolds, Helen Johnson, Helen Cronin, checkers; Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Eleanor Cadres, Meredith Lightfoot, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Matthew Krugger assisted with disassembling the election equipment after the close of the polls.

The election proceeded as follows:

SELECTMAN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Eldon F. Moreira	30 Grant St.	485
Scattered		13
Blanks		164

Eldon F. Moreira declared elected

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Irving W. Puffer	500 Spring St.	205
Robert W. Lundin	29 Timothy Dr.	254
Cheryl A. Smith	5 Apple Ln.	174
Blanks		29

Robert W. Lundin declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Marianne Welch-Batstone	252 Spring St.	434
Scattered		5
Blanks		225

Marianne Welch-Batstone declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH		Vote for One	
Three Years			
Sandra L. Asack	79 Forest St.		419
Christopher J. Nardone	27 Tiffany Cir.		218
Blanks			25

Sandra L. Asack declared elected

PLANNING BOARD		Vote for One	
Five Years			
Gerald E. Stetson	95 Bryant St.		453
Scattered			8
Blanks			199

Gerald E. Stetson declared elected

PLANNING BOARD		Vote for One	
Two Years			
Anthony J. Kinahan	169 Turnpike St.		452
Scattered			8
Blanks			202

Anthony J. Kinahan declared elected

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE		Vote for Two	
Three Years			
Thomas J. Driscoll	17 Cross St		476
Betty A. Cain	327 East St		4
Edith M. Wolfsberg	1 Beacon St		1
Blanks			843

Thomas J. Driscoll and Betty A Cain  
Declared elected

PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE		Vote for One	
Two Years			
Martha M. Linden	72 Maolis Ave.		462
Blanks			200

Martha M. Linden declared elected


WATER COMMISSIONER		Vote for One	
Three Years			
John W. Noyes	455 Spring St.		379
John W. Ames	73 Thayer Ave		258
Blanks			25

John W. Noyes declared elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY		Vote for One	
One Year			
Nancy L. Morrison	23 Progressive Ave.		491
Blanks			171

Nancy L. Morrison Declared elected

A true copy, Attest:

  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Monday, June 10, 2002 – 7:00 PM  
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on June 3, 2002.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Reverend Russell Bailey of the West Bridgewater Baptist Church gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts of Troop 25 presented the colors and the Girl Scouts led the Pledge of Allegiance. Valerie Cabral sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 148 qualified voters and 27 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

**MOVE: THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE  
ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2001 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE  
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE  
FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR  
BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002.**



MODERATOR \$ 294	TREE WARDEN \$1,410
BOARD OF SELECTMEN \$9,036	BOARD OF ASSESSORS \$9,181
TOWN CLERK \$47,297	WATER COMMISSIONERS \$6,354
BOARD OF HEALTH \$ 2,244	

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to recess for Special Town meeting at 7:12 p.m.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Annual Town meeting resumed at 7:16 p.m.

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$17,012,562 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2002 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$ 15,378,326 BE RAISED AND THE SUM OF \$ 1,459,236 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:**

FROM ESTIMATED WATER REVENUES:	WATER DEPT. 847,375
FROM EMER. MED. SERV. RECEIPTS TO:	FIRE DEPT. 335,184
FROM CONSV. WET. PROT. FUND TO:	CON. COMM. 6,500
FROM ASSES. SURP. OVERLAY TO:	RETIRE OF DEBT 143,000
FROM FREE CASH	RETIRE OF DEBT 127,177

**AMMENDMENT: INCREASE WATER DEPT. #5111 \$42,000 TO FUND AN ASST. SUPT.**

**UPON VOTE, AMMENDMENT PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

**UPON VOTE, AMMENDED BUDGET TOTAL \$17,054,562 PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND, \$175,000 TO RETIREMENT OF DEBT (7100).**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$21,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$21,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$23,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$23,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:** THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$4,000



**UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY2003 of \$5,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2003 OF \$5,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$14,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$14,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenues generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Transportation Program to be used by the School Department to pay necessary expenses to run said program and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$60,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN SAID PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$60,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors to contract with a Personal Property Appraiser to conduct that part of the FY2003 revaluation program or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$16,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS TO HIRE A PERSONAL PROPERTY APPRAISAL COMPANY TO CONDUCT THAT PART OF THE FY2003 REVALUATION PROJECT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2003.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Article 14:** the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to establish a reserve for wage increases for General Government employees for FY2003 subject to contract negotiations and appropriate Town Meeting approval, or take action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$75,000 TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR WAGE INCREASE FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FY 2003 SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS AND APPROPRIATE TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW \$78,892 IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION AND ROAD MAINTENANCE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip a pumping engine for the fire department, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$280,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A NEW PUMPING ENGINE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO DISPOSE OF THE OLD VEHICLE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$65,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the Water Main on High Street or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$12,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO REPLACE THE WATER MAIN ON HIGH STREET.**

**MOTION TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase software upgrades for their Meter Reading system or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$6,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE SOFTWARE UPGRADES FOR THEIR METER READING SYSTEM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a piece

of land upon which the Water Commissioners will construct an iron removal plant for the Manley Street Well, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW \$537,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE A PIECE OF LAND UPON WHICH THE WATER COMMISSIONERS WILL CONSTRUCT AN IRON REMOVAL PLANT FOR THE MANLEY STREET WELL.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow an additional sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to construct a building in the Manley Street area and equip it with pumps, meters, tanks and controls or any other equipment to be used for an iron removal program and construct a replacement well or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW AN ADDITIONAL \$700,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING IN THE MANLEY STREET AREA AND EQUIP IT WITH PUMPS, METERS, TANKS AND CONTROLS OR ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR AN IRON REMOVAL PROGRAM AND CONSTRUCT A REPLACEMENT WELL.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to accept, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 22 to 24 a way known as Elizabeth Lane and that portion of Rising Sun Lane as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, approved by the Planning Board, said layout having been filed with the Town Clerk and described as follows:

A certain roadway entitled Elizabeth Lane in West Bridgewater, MA as shown on a plan entitled "Rolling Meadows – Definitive Subdivision of land in West Bridgewater, MA", dated 6-17-97 Rev thru 9-16-97 prepared by Gallagher Engineering being further described as follows:

Beginning at the south easterly corner of plot 31, said point being a concrete bound in the northerly line of Orchard Drive. Thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00 a length of 28.63' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence N06-34-18E a distance of 125.13' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 156.41' a length of 280.69' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence S83-44-55W a distance of 229.28 to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the right with a radius of 120.00' a length of 110.59' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence N43-26-54W a distance of 209.51' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the right with a radius of 60.00' a length of 282.74' to a concrete bound at the point of reverse curvature; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00' a length of 31.42' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence S43-26-54E a distance of 129.51' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 80.00 a length of 73.73' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence N83-44-55E a distance of 229.28 to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the right with a radius of 196.41 a length of 352.48' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence S6-34-18W a distance of 130.58' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00' a length of 25.92 to a concrete bound at the point of curvature, said point being in the northerly line of Orchard Drive; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 175.00' a length of 72.48' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature and the point of beginning. Elizabeth Lane contains 49,547 square feet.



Further;

A certain roadway entitled Rising Sun Lane in West Bridgewater, MA as shown on a plan entitled "Rolling Meadows – Definitive subdivision of land in West Bridgewater, MA" dated 6-17-07 Rev thru 9-16-97 prepared by Gallagher Engineering being further described as follows:

Beginning at the north easterly corner of lot 4 said point being a concrete bound in the westerly line of Elizabeth Lane; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00' a length of 36.68' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence S31-28-46W a distance of 145.78' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the right with a radius of 133.64' a length of 34.13 to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence S46-06-43W a distance of 0.31' to the limit of the Rolling Meadows Subdivision; thence N43-26-54W a distance of 40.00'; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 93.64 a length of 23.91' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency; thence N31-28-46E a distance of 167.33' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature; thence by a curve to the left with a radius of 20.00' a length of 26.16' to a concrete bound at the point of tangency in the westerly line of Elizabeth Lane; thence by Elizabeth Lane S43-26-54 a distance of 82.85' to a concrete bound at the point of curvature said point being the point of beginning. Rising Sun Lane contains 8,458 square feet.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT A WAY KNOWN AS ELIZABETH LANE AND THAT PORTION OF RISING SUN LANE AS LAID OUT BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD AND FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AS DESCRIBED AND PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of an Early Retirement Incentive Plan for West Bridgewater Town Employees within the Plymouth County Retirement System as enacted into law as Chapter 116 of the Acts of 2002, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF AN EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN FOR WEST BRIDGEWATER TOWN EMPLOYEES WITHIN THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM AS ENACTED INTO LAW AS CHAPTER 116 OF THE ACTS OF 2002.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS DEFEATED**

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE \$200,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE FOLLOWING WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS: REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND/OR UPGRADE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE BOARD**

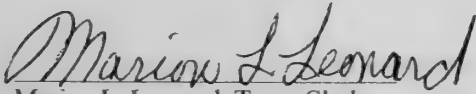
OF HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE, TREASURER, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW \$200,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFOR UNDER G.L.c.111 SECTION 127B1/2 AND/OR CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS SHALL BE REPAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THOSE AGREEMENTS, BUT SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OR OTHER APPROPRIATE LOCAL BODY OR OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 25: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:23 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest:

  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – MAY 6, 2002 – 7:00 PM  
WEST BRIDGEWATER SENIOR/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on April 19, 2002.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 130 qualified voters and 18 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

**Article 1:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws by making the following changes:

**1.0. PURPOSE, AUTHORITY AND APPLICATION**

**Change Section 1.1.1. in part to read as follows:**

**1.1 Purpose**

1.1.1. The purpose of this By-law is to achieve the objectives of the Zoning Act, Chapter 40A, as amended, as presented in Section 2A of Chapter 808 of the Acts of 1975, which states the purposes of this act are to facilitate, encourage, and foster the adoption and modernization of zoning ordinances and by-laws by municipal governments in accordance with the provisions of Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution and to achieve greater implementation of the powers granted to municipalities thereunder. This act is designed to provide standardized procedures for the administration and promulgation of municipal zoning laws. These objectives include, but are not limited to, the following:

**2.0. DEFINITIONS**

**2.1. Terms and Words**

**Add the following terms and words and renumber them in alphabetical order:**

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A habitable living unit added to, created within, or detached from a single-family dwelling that provides basic requirements for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation, sometimes referred to as in-law apartment.

Kennel Commercial: A pack or collection of dogs on a single premises maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes, and including any shop where dogs are on sale.

Kennel Private: A pack or collection of more than three dogs, three months old or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises and maintained exclusively as domestic pets and not maintained for sale, commercial breeding, boarding, grooming, training, hunting, or for any other commercial purposes.

Office: A building, room, or spaces in which the affairs of a business or professional person are conducted.

Principal Building: A structure in which is conducted the principal use for which the structure may be used, occupied or maintained.

Restaurant: An establishment where food and beverages are prepared and served to patrons.

Retail: The sale of goods or articles individually or in small quantities directly to the consumer.



Trailer: Any vehicle or object on wheels or having no motive power of its own, but which is drawn by or used in combination with a motor vehicle and including a portable structure built on a chassis designed as a dwelling for travel, recreation or vacation use.

3.0. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

Change the following sections to read as follows:

3.1.1. The Town of West Bridgewater is hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

- General Residential and Farming District
- Business District
- Industrial District
- Flood Plain District (Overlay District)
- Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District)

3.4. Boundary Line Dividing a Lot

3.4.1. Where a district boundary line divides any lot existing at the time such line was adopted, the regulations for the less restricted portions of such lot shall extend not more than thirty (30) feet into the more restricted portion of such lot, provided the lot has frontage on a street in the less restricted district; and provided the extension into the more restricted district is allowed by special permit by the Board of Appeals subject to appropriate conditions or safeguards where such are deemed necessary for safety or to provide a buffer between the use in the less restricted district and the more restricted district.

4.0. USE REGULATIONS

4.4. Table of Use Regulations:

The Table of Use Regulations is amended by deleting the current Table in its entirety and substituting therefor the following Table of Use Regulations. The individual changes in the Table are italicized thereon.

TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

<u>PRINCIPAL USE</u>	<u>GRF</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>I</u>
<u>Residential Uses</u>			
1. Single family dwelling	Y	N	N
2. Two-family dwelling	Y	N	N
3. Conversion of existing owner-occupied dwelling to two-family dwelling	SA	N	N
4. Manufactured Housing Community (Mobile Home Park)	SPB	N	N
<u>Agricultural Uses</u>			
1. Farming, dairy, nursery, market garden, greenhouse or other agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or viticulture uses, including the sale of natural products	Y	Y	Y
<u>Educational, Religious, Institutional, and Recreational Uses</u>			
1. Educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a non-profit educational corporation	Y	Y	Y
2. Churches or other places of religious worship	Y	Y	Y
3. <i>Day Care Center</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>

<b>4. Hospitals and outpatient clinics</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
5. Nursing homes, convalescent homes, group homes, rest homes, residential care facilities, and other similar uses	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
6. Family day care home	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>N</i>
<b>7. Membership clubs, private non-profit clubs, golf clubs, and country clubs</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>8. Health clubs and racquet clubs</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b>9. Public library</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>10. Public park, playground, or other public recreational facility</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>11. Cemetery</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
<b>Governmental and Public Service Uses</b>			
<b>1. Municipal or public buildings</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>2. Municipal or public utilities necessary in connection with serving the Town</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>3. Public utility buildings or yards screened from abutting lots or exterior streets by a solid landscaped screen and/or fence at least five (5) feet but no more than seven (7) feet in height</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b>4. Public parking garage</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
5. Easement for drainage, utilities, walkways, roads and driveway	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b><u>PRINCIPAL USE</u></b>	<b><u>GRF</u></b>	<b><u>B</u></b>	<b><u>I</u></b>
<b><u>Retail, Business and Consumer Services</u></b>			
1. Adult Bookstore	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
2. Adult Cabaret	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
3. Adult Motion Picture Theater	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
4. Adult Paraphernalia Store	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
5. Adult Video Store	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>6. Animal Hospital/Clinic</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
7. Bed and breakfast	<i>SA</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
8. Dry cleaning, on site	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
9. Funeral homes and funeral chapels	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>
<b>10. Gasoline service stations, including routine maintenance operations</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
11a. Home occupation or trade with: No exterior storage nor more than two non-resident employees.	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
11b. Home occupation or trade with exterior storage and/or non-resident employment	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>12. Hotels and motels</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>13a. Kennels Commercial</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>13b. Kennels Private</b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
<b>14. Motor vehicle sales and repair facilities, including repairing, painting, storing or washing of vehicles</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
15. Offices	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
16. Redemption center	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b>17. Restaurant, fast food with drive-up or window service</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
18. Restaurant where there is no drive-up service, food and beverages are consumed indoors, and with a maximum gross floor area of two thousand (2,000) square feet	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b>19. Restaurant where there is no drive-up service, food and beverages are served indoors and with a gross floor area greater than two thousand (2,000) square feet</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
20a. Retail business or service conducted within a structure	<i>N</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>Y</i>
<b>20b. Retail business or service with drive-up or window service</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>

<b>20c. Retail business or service with exterior display</b>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
21. Shopping center	N	SPB	SPB
<b>Commercial and Industrial Uses</b>			
Bottling or packaging of previously prepared products	N	SA	SA
2. <b><i>Contractor's offices and storage yards, screened from abutting lots or exterior streets by a solid landscaped screen and/or fence at least five (5) feet but no more than seven (7) feet in height</i></b>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>SA</i>
3. Industrial park	N	N	Y
4. Junk yard	N	N	N
5. Manufacturing	N	SA	SA
6. Motor vehicle junkyard	N	N	N
7. Wireless Communications Facility	N	N	SPB
8. <b><i>Recycling plant</i></b>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>SA</i>
9. Warehouse and distribution centers, except fuel	N	N	Y
<b>Permitted Accessory Uses and Structures</b>			
1. Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production, may be permitted upon the issuance of a special permit provided the special permit granting authority finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good	SA	SA	SA
2. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted use on the same premises, such as barns, cabanas, pools, and garages for the vehicles of the occupants, provided that they are not detrimental to a residential neighborhood because of traffic, noise, odor or lighting in connection with the use	Y	Y	Y

## 5.0. INTENSITY OF USE REGULATIONS

**Change the following sections to read as follows and delete Section 5.1.4.:**

### 5.1. Application

5.1.1. No building or structure shall be built which does not comply with the provisions of this section and which does not meet these requirements.

5.1.2. Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements of the By-law shall not apply to a lot for single and two-family residential use which at the time of recording or endorsement, whichever occurs sooner, was not held in common ownership with any adjoining land, conformed to then existing requirements and had less than the proposed requirement but at least five thousand square feet of area and fifty feet of frontage. Any increase in area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements of the By-law shall not apply for a period of five years from its effective date or for five years after January 1, 1976, whichever is later, to a lot for single and two-family residential use, provided the plan for such lot was recorded or endorsed and such lot was held in common ownership with any adjoining land and conformed to the existing zoning requirements as of January 1, 1976, and had less area, frontage, width, yard or depth requirements but contained at least seven thousand five hundred square feet of area and seventy-five feet of frontage, and provided that said five year period does not commence prior to January 1, 1976, and provided further that the provisions of this sentence shall not apply to more than three of such adjoining lots held in common ownership. The provisions of this paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit a lot being built upon, if at the time of the building, building upon such lot is not prohibited by the By-law.

5.1.3. If a definitive plan, or a preliminary plan followed within seven (7) months by a definitive plan, is submitted to the Planning Board for approval under the subdivision control law, and written notice of such



submission has been given to the Town Clerk before the effective date of this By-law or amendment thereto, the land shown on such plan shall be governed by the applicable provisions of this By-law, if any, in effect at the time of the first such submission while such plan or plans are being processed under the subdivision control law, and if such definitive plan or amendment thereto is finally approved, for eight (8) years from the date of endorsement of such approval, except in the case where such plan was submitted and approved before January 1, 1976, for seven years from the date of the endorsement of such approval.

5.2. DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS

Change the following sections to read as follows:

5.2.1 Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements

The requirements for each district pertaining to minimum lot size, minimum lot frontage, minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks, percentage of building coverage, maximum height of buildings and structures, and the minimum front, side and rear yard setbacks of accessory buildings are those specified in the following Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements.

TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS.

(Remains the same as in existing By-law)

5.2.2. Other Dimensional and Density Provisions

- a. Except for business or industrial development, community facilities, public utilities, and uses controlled by special permit procedures, no more than one principal building shall be permitted on a lot.
- b. On a lot having frontage on more than one street, there shall be a setback (depth) for the district in which each street frontage is located.
- c. Certain architectural features may project into required yards as follows:
  - 1. Cornices, canopies, eaves or other similar architectural feature may project into yards of distance not exceeding a total of two (2) feet.
  - 2. Fire escapes may project into side yard and rear yards a distance not exceeding five (5) feet.
  - 3. Bay windows, balconies, fireplaces, uncovered stairways and necessary landings, and chimneys may project a distance not exceeding two (2) feet, provided that such features do not occupy in the aggregate more than one-third of the length on the building wall on which they are located.
  - 4. Decks may be located in side and rear yards, provided that they do not project more than five (5) feet into the required yard setback.

6.0. GENERAL PROVISIONS AFFECTING ALL DISTRICTS

Change the following sections to read as follows and delete Sections 6.2. through 6.2.4.1.:

6.1. Nonconforming Use of Land or Structures

6.1.1. Any structure or use lawfully in existence or lawfully begun or for which a building permit or special permit has been issued before the first publication of notice of the public hearing on the adoption of this By-law or any amendment thereto and which does not conform to this By-law or any amendment thereto shall be deemed to be

a nonconforming use. The lawful use of any structure or land existing at the time of the adoption of this By-law or any amendment thereto may continue except as may be otherwise provided.

6.1.2. Any lawful use of land or a structure for which a building or special permit was issued prior to the first publication of notice of the public hearing on the adoption of this By-law or any amendment thereto, which provisions, when adopted, by their terms prohibit such use, may be commenced, provided, in the case of a use of a structure permitted by such a building permit or special permit, the construction of such structure commences within six months after the date on which such building or special permit is issued and is continued through to completion as continuously and expeditiously as is reasonable, and further, in the case of a use permitted by such a special permit, which requires no construction under a building permit, such use commences within six months after the date on which such special permit is issued.

6.1.3. This By-law and any amendment thereto shall apply to any change or substantial extension of a lawfully existing nonconforming use or structure, to a building or special permit issued after the first notice of public hearing on this By-law or any amendment thereto; to any reconstruction, extension or structural change of a lawfully existing nonconforming use or structure; and to any alteration of a structure begun after the first notice of said public hearing to provide for its use for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent except where alteration, reconstruction, extension or structural change to a single or two-family residential structure does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure.

6.1.4. Nonconforming Uses. The Board of Appeals may grant a special permit to change a nonconforming use in accordance with this section only if it determines that such change or extension shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use to the neighborhood. The following types of changes to nonconforming uses may be considered by the Board of Appeals:

- a. Change or substantial extension of the use.
- b. Change from one nonconforming use to another less detrimental nonconforming use.

6.1.5. Nonconforming Structure. The Board of Appeals may grant in the case of nonconforming structures, other than single and two-family structures, a special permit to reconstruct, extend, alter, or change a nonconforming structure in accordance with this section only if it determines that such reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood. The following types of changes to nonconforming structures may be considered by the Board of Appeals:

- a. Reconstructed, extended or structurally changed.
- b. Altered to provide for a substantially different purpose or for the same purpose in a substantially different manner or to a substantially greater extent.

6.1.6. Nonconforming Single and Two-family Structures. Nonconforming single and two-family structures may be reconstructed, extended, or structurally changed upon a determination by the Inspector of Buildings that such proposed reconstruction, extension, alteration, or change does not increase the nonconforming nature of said structure, and upon the issuance of a building permit where applicable. The following types of changes shall be deemed not to increase the nonconforming nature of said structure:

- a. Alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient area, where such alteration complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage and building height requirements.
- b. Alteration to a structure located on a lot with insufficient frontage, where such alteration complies with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements.
- c. Alteration to a structure encroaching upon one or more required yard or setback areas, where such alteration will comply with all current setback, yard, building coverage, and building height requirements.

d. Alteration to a side or face of a structure encroaching upon a required yard or setback area, where such alteration will not encroach upon such area to a distance greater than the existing structure.

e. Alteration to a nonconforming structure which will not increase the footprint of the existing structure provided that existing height restrictions shall not be exceeded.

In the event that the Inspector of Buildings determines that the nonconforming nature of such structure would be increased by the proposed reconstruction, extension, alteration or change, the Board of Appeals may, by special permit, allow such reconstruction, extension, alteration or change where it determines that the proposed modifications shall not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming structure to the neighborhood.

6.1.7. Variance Required. In the event that the reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change of a nonconforming structure would increase the existing nonconformity or create a new nonconformity including the extension of an exterior wall at or along the same nonconforming distance within a required yard, a variance from the Board of Appeals shall be required.

6.1.8. Abandonment. A nonconforming use or structure which has been abandoned or not used for a period of two years shall not be resumed except by a special permit issued by the Board of Appeals.

6.1.9. Disaster. Necessary repairs to and/or the rebuilding of a nonconforming structure after damage by fire, storm or similar disaster are permitted; provided they are accomplished without undue delay and do not substantially change the character or size of the building or the use to which it was put prior to such damage.

6.1.10. No nonconforming use shall, if changed to a conforming use, revert to a nonconforming use.

### 6.3. ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES

Add the following sections and change existing sections to read as follows:

#### 6.3.1. Use Regulation

6.3.1.1. Accessory buildings and uses are those located on the same lot with the principal building or use which are customarily incidental to that of the main building or the use of land. They are subject to the dimensional and density requirements and other specific requirements set forth in this By-law.

#### 6.3.2. Location of Accessory Buildings

6.3.2.1. Separation. All accessory buildings shall be separated from the principal building by ten (10) feet.

6.3.2.2. Private Garages. An accessory building used as a private garage shall be permitted to be located in the front yard, rear yard or side yard, provided that setbacks are maintained and the structures do not encroach into any recorded easements.

6.3.2.3. Storage Buildings (Sheds). All accessory buildings used for storage or similar use shall be permitted to be located in any portion of the rear yard or side yard. No storage building shall be located in the front yard.

#### 6.3.3. Number of Accessory Buildings Restricted on Lots

6.3.3.1. There shall not be more than two (2) accessory buildings or structures unattached (private garages, storage sheds, excluding swimming pools and related equipment) located on a single lot in a General Residential and Farming District.

### 6.6. SIGN REQUIREMENTS

Add the following sections and change existing sections to read as follows:



6.6.1. General Residential and Farming District.

6.6.1.1. Signs, which are not flashing or luminous tube, are permitted in the General Residential and Farming District as follows:

- a. One (1) real estate sign advertising rental, lease or sale of the premises not exceeding six (6) square feet in area, including supporting frame structure.
- b. One (1) sign or bulletin board incidental to a permitted use, not exceeding 18" x 24" including the supporting frame structure, unless authorized by a special permit of the Board of Appeals and in no case to exceed six (6) square feet in area. Signs may be illuminated no later than 9:00 p.m.

6.6.3. Setback Requirements

6.6.3.1 The minimum setback requirement affecting all districts shall not be less than six feet (6' 0") from the lot line.

8.4. WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES

Change the following section to read as follows:

8.4.4. Location: Wireless communications facilities shall be allowed only on land located in the Industrial Zoning District.

9.0. EARTH REMOVAL

Add the following as a new Section 9.0:

9.1. Purpose: The purpose of this section is to establish the rules and regulations which shall govern the removal of earth on or from any parcel of land in any zoning district.

9.1.2. Definitions: As used in this section, the following words shall have the following meanings:

- a. Earth: Earth shall include soil, loam, gravel, stone or any other earth materials.
- b. Removal: Removal shall include the moving of earth from one location to another location within the boundaries of a lot or tract of land as well as the moving of earth off of any said lot or tract of land.

9.1.3. Applicability. This section, except as is otherwise provided herein, shall apply to all removal of earth within the Town.

9.1.4. Permit Required. No earth, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be removed on or from any parcel of land in any zoning district in the Town without a special permit from the Board of Appeals.

9.1.5. Exemptions. The removal of earth material in any of the following operations shall be exempt from the provisions of this section:

- a. Removal of earth material in connection with the construction of buildings and accessory improvements, including, but not limited to, the installation of septic systems, driveways, walks, parking areas and swimming pools, provided the quantity of material removed shall not exceed that displaced by the portion of the building, or accessory improvement located below the finished grade and provided that

all permits and approvals required by the Inspector of Building prior to beginning such construction have been received.

b. Removal of earth material incidental to the grading or landscaping of a single lot, provided said removal does not change the elevation of any portion of said lot by more than two (2) feet and further provided that the amount of earth to be removed or altered does not exceed one hundred and fifty (150) cubic yards. In an approved subdivision, this exemption shall apply only to the grading and landscaping of individual lots therein for which a building permit has been issued and shall not be construed as permitting the grading of the entire land area in the subdivision. Said grading and landscaping shall not result in the raising of the elevation of any land within the floodplain district.

c. The removal of earth material, exclusive of the removal permitted under the provisions of paragraphs a and b immediately above, necessary to complete an approved subdivision, provided said removal does not exceed an aggregate of four hundred and fifty (450) cubic yards of each material per one hundred (100) feet of street length within the street right-of-way width inclusive of any earth to be removed in association with the construction of side slopes adjacent to the right-of-way within a 1:3 slope to a maximum horizontal distance of ten (10) feet, and further provided that said removal is restricted to the moving of earth from one location to another location within the boundaries of the subdivision.

d. Removal of earth material from an operating farm, nursery, golf course, cemetery, or other similar use, to the extent that such removal is necessary to the continuing operation of the same. The exemption allowed hereunder shall apply to existing operations only, and shall not be considered to include earth removal that may be required by new construction or any expansion of current operations.

e. Removal of earth material by or on behalf of the Town of West Bridgewater for the maintenance of its streets, public utilities or for other purposes which benefit the Town. If necessary, temporary processing of earth on site such as screening, crushing or stockpiling of material may be granted by special permit by the Board of Appeals.

9.1.6. Standards for Granting Permit. No permit for the removal of earth shall be granted unless the Board of Appeals shall find that the proposed earth removal operation shall not be contrary to the best interests of the Town. For this purpose, a removal operation shall be considered contrary to the best interests of the Town which: (1) will be injurious or dangerous to the public health and safety; (2) will produce noise, dust or other effects observable at the lot lines in amounts seriously objectionable or detrimental to the normal use of adjacent property; (3) will result in a change in topography and cover which will be disadvantageous to the most appropriate use of the land on which the operation is conducted; (4) will have a material adverse effect on the health or safety of persons living in the neighborhood or on the use or amenities of adjacent land and, (5) will alter an area of significant topographic significance.

9.1.7. Permits in Approved Subdivision. Approval of a preliminary or a definitive subdivision plan by the Planning Board under the Subdivision Control Law shall not be construed as authorizing the removal of earth from the land included in the Subdivision Plan except in accordance with the provisions of this By-law. Removal of earth from any such land shall be allowed only in the same manner as removal from other parcels of land in the Town.

9.1.8. Required Site Plan. Each application for a permit for earth removal shall be accompanied by a site plan prepared by a registered land surveyor, at a scale of eighty feet to the inch or larger, indicating the following:

a. Property lines, abutting owners of record, and buildings or other structures within one hundred feet of site boundaries, adjacent public streets and private ways.

b. Unique features of the area which may be affected by earth removal operations, such as landmarks, exposed ledges of geological significance and control points and bench marks used in triangulation and topographical surveying.

c. Natural features such as watercourses, wetlands, 100-year floodplain boundary if present, and ground water elevation. An environmental impact statement may be required by the Board of Appeals if deemed necessary due to the extent of the operation.

d. Topographic mapping showing existing contours to National Geodetic Vertical Datum at intervals of not more than two feet and contours of finished grade after the conclusion of the operation.

e. Proper provision of safe and adequate water supply and sanitary sewerage, and for temporary and permanent drainage on the site.

f. Proper provisions for vehicular traffic and control of entrances and exits to public streets and private ways.

g. Delineation of fence locations.

h. A separate key sketch at a scale of one inch equals two thousand feet with a proposed earth removal site shaded to show relation of the surrounding road networks shall be shown on the plan and key sketch shall be in the same direction.

9.1.9. Conditions of Permit. In granting a permit for earth removal hereunder, the Board of Appeals shall impose reasonable conditions governing the removal operation. Such conditions shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

a. Removal operations shall not be conducted closer than fifty feet to a public street or private way or to any adjoining property line unless otherwise specifically provided for by the Board of Appeals.

b. Hours of operation shall be designated by the Board of Appeals.

c. Routes of transportation shall be designated. All loaded vehicles shall be suitably covered to prevent dust and contents from spilling from the load, and the operators shall clean up any spillage that does occur on public ways. Access roads leading to public ways shall be treated to reduce dust and the transporting of surface material to the pavement of public ways.

d. Adequate provisions shall be made for drainage during and after completion of operation. No area shall be excavated so as to cause an accumulation of free-standing water unless the Board of Appeals shall permit the creation of a pond in an area not used as a source of drinking water.

e. Lateral support shall be maintained for all adjacent properties and no banks shall be left after completion of operation with a slope which exceeds one foot of vertical in two foot of horizontal distance.

f. Maximum depth of any and all excavations shall at all times be at least four feet above the maximum ground water elevations unless the Board of Appeals finds that deeper excavation shall not be injurious to the public health and welfare, in which case limitations on excavations, including excavation associated with proposed stormwater detention/retention basins, channels and swales, shall be as determined by the Board of Appeals.

g. Off-street parking shall be provided. Any shelters or buildings erected or moved onto the premises for use by personnel or storage of equipment shall be removed from the premises within sixty (60) days after permit expiration date.

h. Any access to excavated area or areas in the process of excavation shall be adequately posted with "KEEP OUT DANGER" signs.

i. During operation, any excavation, quarry, bank or work face having a depth of ten feet or more and/or creating a slope of more than thirty degrees downward shall be fenced. Such fence shall be located ten feet or more from the edge of said excavation and shall be at least six feet in height.



j. Provision shall be made for the adequate control of dust during operation. Natural vegetation shall be left and maintained on undisturbed land for screening and noise reduction purposes.

k. Topsoil and loam from the site shall be stockpiled on the property and, as operations proceed, areas brought to grade shall be covered with at least four inches of topsoil and/or loam and seeded with a perennial cover crop, reseeded as necessary to assure uniform growth and soil surface stabilization; provided, however, that those portions of a site which have been approved by the Board of Appeals as future locations for concrete, bituminous concrete, and/or buildings need not be so covered. Final restoration work shall be completed within six (6) months after expiration or withdrawal of a permit or completion of operation.

l. All tree stumps, boulders and other residual material shall be disposed of off the site, unless otherwise specifically provided by the Board of Appeals.

9.1.10. Period of Permit. Any permit granted for earth removal shall be for a period not to exceed one year. For a continuation of an operation beyond the period designated in the initial permit, a new application must be made and a new permit granted in the same manner as for the initial permit, except that the Board of Appeals may waive requirements for the submittal of a site plan. Such waiver must be granted in writing to the applicant by the Board of Appeals. All other provisions relating to operational standards and permit procedures shall apply.

9.1.11. Performance Bond. The Board of Appeals shall require that a performance bond be posted in an amount determined by the Board of Appeals to be sufficient to guarantee conformity to the provisions of any permit issued hereunder. Such bond shall not be released until there is filed with the Board of Appeals a certification from a registered engineer and registered land surveyor and an approval from the Inspector of Buildings that the site conditions at the completion of all work are in accordance with the requirements of the permit.

9.1.12. Existing Operations. Any earth removal operation which is being lawfully conducted on any premises on the effective date of this By-law without a permit from the Board of Appeals may continue to be conducted until it is abandoned, but said earth removal operation shall not be extended. Discontinuance of such operation for more than twelve consecutive months shall be deemed to constitute abandonment. For the purposes of this section, the abandonment period shall not be broken by temporary operation except when such operation is for a period of at least sixty consecutive days. Any earth removal operation being conducted under a permit issued by the Board of Appeals prior to the effective date of this ordinance may continue until the expiration of said permit.

9.1.13. Necessity for Other Permits. Any earth removal and/or grading permitted by this section shall not be deemed to eliminate the need for appropriate authorization for excavation or fill in the Flood Plain District or in any wetland area subject to General Laws Chapter 131 or for any other permit required by this By-law or state or federal law.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER'S ZONING BY-LAWS (ARTICLE 26 OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER TOWN BY-LAWS) BY MAKING THE CHANGES AS PUBLISHED IN THE WARRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.

## Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to rezone a tract of land on the easterly side of North Main Street from a "Business District" to "General Residential and Farming District", said land being bounded and described as follows:

Starting at a point five hundred feet (500') east of the center line of North Main Street, running easterly along the West Bridgewater and Brockton Line to the Salisbury Plain River, southeasterly by the river to the easterly sideline of the electric transmission easement; thence, southerly by said line to the northerly line of the land of West Bridgewater; thence, westerly by said land and continuing in a straight line to a point five hundred feet (500') easterly of the center line of North Main Street; thence, northerly along the business zone to the southerly boundary

of Map 12, Lot 5, Assessors' map; thence, westerly and northerly along the westerly boundary lines of said Map 12, Lot 5, to the point of beginning, including access roads as depicted on the zoning map on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REZONE A TRCT OF LAND ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF NORTH MAIN STREET FROM A "BUSINESS DISTRICT" TO "GENERAL RESIDENTIAL AND FARMING DISTRICT" AS BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS DEFEATED UNANIMOUSLY

**Article 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.2.1 of the Town's Zoning By-Laws by deleting the current language thereof and substituting the following language therefor:

"3.2.1. Zoning Map. Except for the Flood Plain District (Overlay District) and the Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District), the location and boundaries of the Zoning Districts are hereby established as shown on a map, entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater", approved by the Planning Board on April 17, 2002 and filed with the office of the Town Clerk, which map, together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-Law. Changes may be made in the zoning district boundaries and other matter shown on the Zoning Map in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws. Whenever any such change is made, the Town Clerk shall provide for such revision to be made on the Zoning Map within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment, but no delay in updating the Zoning Map shall effect the validity and application of such amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Zoning Map and the records of the Town Meetings at which the changes and additions to the Zoning Map were made, such records shall take precedence."

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 3.2.1 OF THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS BY DELETING THE CURRENT LANGUAGE THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THE LANGUAGE PUBLISHED IN THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

**Article 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.6.3.2. of the Town's Zoning By-Laws by deleting the current language thereof and substituting the following language therefor:

"4.6.3.2. The boundaries of the Water Resource Protection District Zone and Subzones are delineated on a map at a scale of 1 inch = 1000 feet. This map, as it may be amended from time to time, is entitled "Water Resource Protection District, Town of West Bridgewater", as revised through May 2001 and approved by the Planning Board on April 17, 2002, is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, and is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-Law. These boundaries reflect the best hydrogeologic information available as of the date of the map. In the event of a discrepancy between the map and the criteria that follow, the criteria shall control."

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION 4.6.3.2 OF THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS BY DELECTING THE CURRENT LANGUAGE THEREOF AND SUBSTITUTING THE

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MEEING WARRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

ARTICLE 5.

To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

UPON MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, MEETING WAS  
ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Marion L. Leonard  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Monday, June 10, 2002 – 7:15 PM**

**West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L Silva on May 23, 2002.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. With 148 qualified voters and 27 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2002 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$68,600 TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2002:**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>INSURANCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,000.00</b>
	<b>SNOW &amp; ICE CONTROL</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
	<b>INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>8,000.00</b>
	<b>BENEFITS</b>	<b><u>44,600.00</u></b>
		<b>\$68,600.00</b>

<b>TO:</b>	<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
	<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>	<b>35,000.00</b>
	<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	<b>2,100.00</b>
	<b>HIGHWAY CONST. &amp; MAINT.</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
	<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>
	<b>WASTE DISPOSAL/SANITATION</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
	<b>VETERANS' BENEFITS</b>	<b><u>4,500.00</u></b>
		<b>\$68,600.00</b>

**UPON VOTE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE BENEFITS BUDGET (9100) THE SUM OF \$19,272.00 TO PAY AN OLD GAS COMPANY BILL.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article. 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund repairs to Well #2 on Norman Avenue or take any action relative thereto.


**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$ 5,000 TO FUND REPAIRS TO WELL #2 ON NORMAN AVENUE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 4: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:16 PM PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Marion L. Leonard, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**

The State Primary Election was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2002 at the Spring Street School. Constable Raymond L. Silva posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on August 22, 2002, in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. The voting machines printed out zero totals in both precincts. A total of 2850 ballots were given to Warden Paul McMahon and 2850 ballots given to Warden Warren Turner and receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed that the following number of ballots had been cast:

Republican	554
Democratic	619
Mass Green Party	1
Libertarian	0

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct I: Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marilyn Raleigh, Lois Ketler, Helen Cronin, Checkers; Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct II: Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk, Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Meredith Lightfoot, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Ryan Mitchell assisted in setting up and taking down the polling equipment.

The following results were announced:

**REPUBLICAN**

	Prec. I	Prec. II
Senator in Congress		
Michael E. Cloud		2
Blanks	276	226
All Others	32	18
Governor		
Mitt Romney	273	217
Blanks	31	26
All Others	6	1



Lieutenant Governor		
Kerry Murphy Healy	149	135
Jim Rappaport	150	106
Blanks	11	3
All Others	21	18
Attorney General		
Blanks	289	226
All Others	21	18
Secretary of State		
Jack E. Robinson II	163	135
Blanks	146	108
All Others	1	1
Treasurer		
Daniel A. Grabauskas	131	107
Bruce A. Herzfelder	116	90
Blanks	63	47
Auditor		
Blanks	299	237
All Others	11	7
Representative in Congress		
Blanks	296	231
All Others	14	13
Councillor		
Blanks	299	232
All Others	11	12
Senator in General Court		
Blanks	299	232
All Others	11	12
Representative in General Court		
Blanks	300	233
All Others	10	11
District Attorney		
Timothy J. Cruz	212	207
Blanks	48	37
Register of Probate		
Blanks	298	232
All Others	12	12
County Treasurer		
Blanks	299	232
All Others	11	12
County Commissioner		
Olavo B. DeMacedo	180	149
Blanks	130	95

# DEMOCRATIC

Senator in Congress		
John F. Kerry	225	283
Blanks	52	55
All Others	2	2
Governor		
Thomas F. Birmingham	68	83
Steven Grossman	3	3
Shannon P. O'Brien	90	129
Robert B. Reich	52	64
Warren E. Tolman	59	56
Blanks	7	5
Lieutenant Governor		
Christopher F. Gabrieli	122	163
Lois G. Pines	80	88
John P. Slattery	49	51
Blanks	28	38
Attorney General		
Thomas F. Reilly	210	272
Blanks	69	68
Secretary of State		
William Francis Galvin	202	262
Blanks	77	78
Treasurer		
Michael P. Cahill	29	31
Timothy P. Cahill	114	159
Stephen J. Murphy	41	52
James W. Segel	48	53
Blanks	47	45
Auditor		
A. Joseph DeNucci	196	253
Blanks	83	87
Representative in Congress		
Stephen F. Lynch	173	225
William A. Ferguson, Jr.	56	63
Blanks	50	52
Councillor		
Kelly A. Timilty	137	171
Chesley Oriel	22	19
Kerby Roberson	44	53
Blanks	76	97
Senator in General Court		
Brian A. Joyce	136	92
Peri J. O'Connor	92	102
Blanks	51	48

Representative in General Court		
Christine E. Canavan	218	263
Blanks	60	77
All Others	1	
District Attorney		
Timothy H. White	184	237
Blanks	92	103
All Others	3	
Register of Probate		
Robert E. McCarthy	198	251
Blanks	80	89
All Others	1	
County Treasurer		
John F. McLellan	90	97
James E. Harrington	132	191
Blanks	57	52
County Commissioner		
Timothy J. McMullen	197	248
Blanks	80	92
All Others	2	

#### MASSACHUSETTS GREEN PARTY

Senator	Prec. I	Prec. II
Blanks	1	
Governor		
Jill E. Stein	1	
Lieutenant Governor		
Anthony F. Lorenzen	1	
Attorney General		
Blanks	1	
Secretary of State		
Blanks	1	
Treasurer		
James O'Keefe	1	
Auditor		
Blanks	1	
Representative in Congress		
Blanks	1	
Councillor		
Blanks	1	
Senator In General Court		
Blanks	1	
Representative in General Court		
Blanks	1	



District Attorney	
Blanks	1
Register of Probate	
Blanks	1
County Treasurer	
Blanks	1
County Commissioner	
Blanks	1

There were no Libertarian ballots cast.

A True Copy, Attest: Marion L. Leonard

**STATE ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 5, 2002**

The State Election was held on Tuesday, November 5, 2002 at the Spring Street School. Constable Raymond L. Silva posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on October 24, 2002.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Copies of the abstracts explaining the 3 questions on the ballot were also made available in public areas.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. The voting machines in each precinct printed a zero total. A total of 2775 ballots were given to Wardens Paul McMahon and Warren Turner. A receipt was given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 pm., a total of 2849 ballots had been cast.

The following poll workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Eleanor Cadres, Marion Loughman, Helen Cronin, Checkers.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Joan McAndrew, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty, Polly Peterson, Checkers.

Tally. Anna Brown and Kevin Kelley

Emily Fitts and Alison Hurney assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The following results were announced:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	Prec. 1	Prec 2	Total
John F. Kerry	911	907	1818
Michael E. Cloud	340	317	657
Randall Forsberg	1	1	2
GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR			
Howell/Aucoin	15	23	38
O'Brien/Gabrieli	437	459	896
Romney/Healy	957	857	1814
Stein/Lorenzen	21	28	59
Johnson/Schiebel	8	21	29
ATTORNEY GENERAL			
Thomas F. Reilly	951	919	1870

# SECRETARY OF STATE

William Francis Galvin	784	808	1592
Jack E. Robinson III	514	452	966

# TREASURER

Timothy P. Cahill	580	563	1143
Daniel A. Grabauskas	742	682	1424
James O'Keefe	55	57	112

# AUDITOR

A. Joseph DeNucci	896	850	1746
Kamal Jain	85	90	175
John James Xenakis	228	207	435

# REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

## 9<sup>th</sup> District

Stephen F. Lynch	919	887	1806
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# COUNCILLOR

## 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Kelly A. Timilty	855	820	1675
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# STATE SENATE

## Norfolk, Bristol & Plymouth Dist.

Brian A. Joyce	872	848	1720
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# STATE REPRESENTATIVE

## 10<sup>th</sup> Plymouth District

Christine E. Canavan	955	881	1836
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# DISTRICT ATTORNEY

## Plymouth District

Timothy J. Cruz	1127	1036	2163
Timothy H. White	278	299	577

# REGISTER OF PROBATE

## Plymouth County

Robert E. McCarthy	917	851	1768
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# COUNTY TREASURER

## Plymouth County

John F. McLellan	857	810	1667
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# COUNTY COMMISSIONER

## Plymouth County

Olavo B. DeMacedo	669	564	1233
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Timothy J. McMullen	597	626	1223
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SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Wayne E. McAllister	892	840	1732
Eric W. Greene	906	838	1744
Ralph Armstead	880	835	1715
George E. Eichorn	831	783	1614
Eugene Kostecki	991	953	1944

QUESTION 1

Eliminate State Income Tax

Yes	632	666	1298
No	655	586	1241

QUESTION 2

English in Public Schools

Yes	982	1010	1992
No	337	318	655

QUESTION 3

Taxpayer money for political candidates

Yes	226	232	458
No	1071	1074	2145

A true copy, Attest: Marion L. Leonard  
Town Clerk

*Marion L. Leonard*

CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROBERT W. KOMINSKY

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*Town of West Bridgewater  
Police Department  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379*



March 13, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police for the Year 2002.

The Police Department has maintained level staffing since 1997, while the towns population has grown. In 2002 we had two retirements, Sergeant Robert D. Smith and Sergeant Philip C Tuck retired after many years of service to the community. Officer Daniel Desmond and Officer Richard Flaherty were hired to replace them.

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2002

Homicides.....	0
Larceny.....	102
Arrest (Total).....	573
Protective Custody.....	62
Assault.....	10
Robbery.....	2
Breaks (Residential & Commercial).....	24
Rapes.....	1
Attempted Rapes.....	1
Indecent Assaults & Battery.....	4
Operating Under the Influence.....	71
Open & Gross Lewdness.....	0
Child Abuse.....	9
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Issued.....	24
Domestic Abuse Calls.....	12

## MISCELLANEOUS

Officers Assaulted.....	1
Vehicles Stolen.....	3
Vehicles Recovered.....	15
Vandalism.....	95
Alarms Answered.....	603
911 Calls Received.....	1504
Total calls for Service.....	10,339

## TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....	258
Fatal.....	0
Non Investigated Accidents.....	220

## CITATIONS

Warnings.....	764
Civil Violations.....	956
Arrest.....	226
Criminal Violations.....	262
Total Violations.....	2339



MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2001

Pistol Permit & F.I.D.issued.....	\$2,975.00
License to Sell Firearm & Ammunition.....	0
Receipts from copies of Police Reports.....	\$1,534.00
Parking Fines.....	\$2,511.15
Brockton District Court fines.....	\$91,266.60
Fines from Registry of Motor Vehicles	\$ 65,819.10
Total Fines Collected.....	\$159,596.85
10% Surcharge Collected from Outside details.....	\$8,298.14
Alarm Billing Collected.....	\$11,275.00
Total Monies Collected.....	\$183,678.99

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert W. Kominsky,  
Chief

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*Town of West Bridgewater*  
*Police Department*  
*West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379*



March 13, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2002.

Licensed Dogs	872
Number taken to court for unlicensed Dogs	36
Number of Animal Related Calls	225
Dog fines collected	\$2,084.00
Kennel Costs	\$1,165.00
Animal Officers Cost	\$1,320.00
Court fines collected	\$ 865.00

Respectfully submitted:

Robert W. Kominsky  
Chief

RWK/jma



OFFICE OF  
HARD T. HUNT  
CHIEF

# TOWN of WEST BRIDGEWATER

## FIRE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

99 WEST CENTER STREET  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

(508) 894-1285

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2002.

### Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fifteen (15) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fourteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, seven (7) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, five (5) members are trained at the EMT-D level, one (1) is trained at the EMT-Paramedic level and is also a physician, and seven (7) are trained at the first responder level.

### Apparatus

Engine #1, a 1978 Hendrickson/Farrar 1250 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Rescue #1, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drive (government surplus) pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 1993 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

### Statistical Report

During 2002, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand three hundred and thirty seven (2337) incidents. Of this figure, one thousand one hundred and eighty (1180) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand one hundred and fifty nine (1159), were for emergency medical services. For the first time in the history of the department, we responded to slightly more fire calls than ambulance calls, and for the fifth year in a row, our run statistics continued to increase. Between January and December, the ambulance returned just over three hundred and forty eight thousand dollars (\$348,000.00) in revenue.



## **Training**

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson and Captain Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. Four (4) Saturday drills are held for all members of the department. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

## **Inspections**

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the State Fire Marshal. At this time I would like to publicly thank our building inspector, Mr. Joseph Vasapollo, for his outstanding cooperation with this department on a daily basis.

## **Requests and Recommendations**

I am again requesting that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to sixteen, including myself, and will give us four firefighters on all but one of the four working groups. Over the past several years we have experienced more and more "back to back" calls, and have found that these are more easily handled by the four man groups. The three man groups must wait for additional personnel to respond to the station from other locations, be it home or elsewhere, and the delay in responding to the 2<sup>nd</sup> incident has, at times, been unacceptable. In this business, responding to incidents in a timely manner can, and has, made the difference between life and death.

I am also requesting that we continue the third year of upgrading and replacing our firefighters self-contained breathing apparatus and take a serious look at replacing our forest fire truck, which is a 1977.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and their staff for the continued support of this office, as well as all the other department heads and their personnel for their continued cooperation with this department.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my other officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt  
Chief



**Town of West Bridgewater**  
OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, Massachusetts 02379

JOHN W. NOYES  
DONALD ASACK  
DAVID CHURCHILL

January 01, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2002.

During the year a total of 219,401,467 gallons of water were pumped. This is 7,065,856 gallons less than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on August 16, 2002 when 1,311,326 gallons were pumped. The largest month was July with 32,209,169 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 1- July 7 with 8,273,169 gallons being pumped.

With 219,401,467 gallons of water pumped, plus 980,671 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 220,382,138 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 603,786 gallons.

Over the past year 24 new services were installed. Our number of services now totals 2,566.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 637 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

In July of this year station 1 on Cyr Street was turned back on after completing the corrosion control building at that site. We would have had turned the station on earlier but after completing the corrosion control chemical building we realized the station's pump was extremely worn and would not pump water against the new head conditions. Therefore we were delayed another month while we waited for a new and larger pump to be installed. This project brings us to a



total of 3 corrosion control buildings we now have in service. All the water being pumped into our system is being P.H. adjusted before entering your home.

The Water Department's highly skilled personnel continued with our meter replacement program. We installed the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings into our computer. The meters give us monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our record keeping. This year we invested 4 times as much as we usually do in the water meter replacement program. We will have 1500 of these new meters installed in our system within the next month.

In 2002 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. This is the first time in the history of the water department that such a preventative maintenance project has been carried out. The object of this project is to clean the debris from every gate box in the town and either rebuild or replace them when necessary. The second part of the project, after rehabilitating the gate box, is to exercise the gate valve with the new computer operated gate valve operator. Any gate that is found to not be in working order is dug up and replaced. These valves are operated in order to assure that they can be easily operated in an emergency. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become pertinent. It plays a big part in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project two years ago has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

The Water Department this year purchased a 3.3 acre lot on Manley Street to build the new iron removal plant. We have received permission from D.E.P. to use state of the art ultra violet light to meet the disinfection rule, allowing us to keep the water tasteless and odorless. Miox will be generated on site and used as an oxidizing agent along with potassium hydroxide. The bid opening for this plant is scheduled for January of 2003 and will take about one year to build. When this plant is brought online the water quality from this source is expected to be greatly improved and our system will be back to 100% of its pumping capacity.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our

drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all four wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. None were detected in any of our wells.

With three corrosion control facilities on line, one on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5, and the third at station 1 on Cyr Street we were able to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule. We have earned a 3 year testing wavier from the D.E.P. due to the great results in last years testing.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Noyes, Chairman  
Donald Asack, Clerk  
David Churchill, Member  
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent



## *Department of Forestry and Parks*

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Tree Warden  
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The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2002, 83 town trees were removed or trimmed due to disease or public safety. We have continued the process of brush clearing. A 3-foot walking area on each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. Mass Electric helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as a "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and High Schools which included a concert and a tree, donated by Mass Electric, planted at each school. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-up
1991 F-150 Ford pick-up	2000 Kubota Tractor

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations:

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags;

Holiday Decoration Fund – used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout the Town;

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in town;





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Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series;  
Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the town playground.

- A Park Preservation Plan has been completed for the Town Park. We must now begin the process of implementing the plan.
- Restoration work of the Town Park Dam has been completed through grants of \$300,000.00

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2002. Six concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2003 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> Annual “Culture for Children” summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program sponsored By West Bridgewater DARE and Rodman Ride for Kids was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2003 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Iannitelli  
Forestry & Parks Superintendent



# **The Highway Department**

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**Thomas C. Green**  
*Highway Superintendent*

## **Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2002 annual report for the Highway Department.

### **Equipment**

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

1975 F800 dump truck	1989 1-ton dump truck
2001 F550 dump truck	1997 1-ton dump truck
1987 L900 dump truck	1993 F150 pickup
1993 F800 dump truck	1998 Crown Vic car
1998 F800 dump truck	1991 Street sweeper
1975 Sidewalk plow	1975 roadside mower
1970 Bucket loader	1992 John Deere backhoe
5 road sanding attachments	1974 Massey Ferguson tractor

### **Chapter 90**

Through this State roadwork fund and with the assistance of Liz Lapointe, District 5 Inspector, over \$300,000 was spent to resurface and or reconstructed the following roads. Roadwork this year was limited to Aldrich Road, Pleasant Street, Scotland Street, South Elm Street, South Street and the Brockton end of Walnut Street. Due to budget cuts, our yearly award was reduced to \$152,000. We plan to do as much as possible to keep the road conditions in the Town safe for all residents. Since joining the department in 1996, I have spent over 2 million on roadwork and there is still a long way to go!

### **Manley Street Reconstruction Project**

This project is continuing forward in the engineering phase. Plans are currently being reviewed by Massachusetts State Highway for final comments and changes. This 3.3 million project is still moving forward. Hopefully this will go out to bid this fall.

### **Winter Conditions**

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 16 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Four of our trucks have been outfitted to use liquid calcium as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions.

### **School Projects**

Concrete blocks were removed from the Spring Street School front entrance and then prepared for new cement. At the High School the old sign at the front of the building was removed a school sign so new one could be installed. A large sink hole was repaired at the baseball diamond.

### **Transfer Station**

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to \$11,290.00 this year. The cost for trash hauling increased to \$42 per ton and recycling costs vary between \$10-\$20 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3211 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 332 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. I wish to thank Richard Jefferson for his efforts to please all residents everyday on the job.

### **Street Sweeper**

The sweeper will be out daily starting in April.

### **Drainage Projects**

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

Beacon Street	Pleasant Street
Brewster Road	Scotland Street
Elm Square	South Elm Street
Francis Avenue	Spring Street
Goldie Road	Tiffany Circle
Harvestwood Drive	Walnut Street
Howard Street	Wendell Avenue
Manley Street	West Street
Matfield Street	Route 106
North Elm Street	

### **New Seniors Center**

105' of 8" PVC pipe was installed for water flow. We accepted and hauled a donation of 400 yards of loam from Wendy's Restaurant to help save costs for future loaming and seeding.

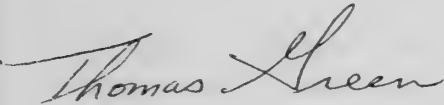
### **Guard Rails**

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on Beacon Street, Crescent Street, East Center Street, Francis Avenue, North Elm Street, Walnut Street, West Center Street and West Street.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in



the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Green". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Green  
Highway Superintendent

***Town of West Bridgewater***  
***COUNCIL ON AGING***

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman and Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As Director, I submit the Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2002.

The new Senior Center is still being worked on. We're closer and closer to the finished product and it looks wonderful. I have to say that when we move my biggest adjustment will be not seeing the children anymore. We will miss having them around for the Halloween costume parade, the Christmas songs and the Flag Day Parade. As usual our past year has been a busy one.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	3137	
Congregate Meals Served	5,640	
Food Pantry Clients	540	
Fuel Assistance Applications	22	
Dial A Bat Trips	1604	
COA Shuttle Trips	3,335	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels	3,199	
Ellie's Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	675	336
Supportive Care for Elders Clients	16	
Line Dancing Program	504	
Outreach Contacts	504	
Flu Clinic Participation	310	
Blood Pressure Test Participants	96	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	19	
Tai Chi	121	

Please feel free to come and see us any time and offer help or suggestions of what you would like to have at your Office of Elder Affairs.

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf  
Director Of Elder Affairs



## WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Department of Pupil Personnel Services

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Director of Pupil Personnel Services

### Pupil Personnel Services Annual Report

My second year at West Bridgewater comes to an end, I continue to be awed with the school's skillful special education. In these difficult financial times, it has been a challenge to fund needed services for our most at risk students. West Bridgewater manages to meet these needs through quality teaching, collaboration and continual financial support from our teachers and the School Committee. It has been the District's motto that no matter what, "No child will be left behind." I would like to thank all the individuals who make this possible.

Early identification and intervention efforts to meet the special needs of our youngest students has enabled many children to thrive in general education classes. The percentage of students receiving special education services encompasses 12% of the District's total enrollment. This is approximately 3% below the State average. Despite this lower percentage, the District is experiencing an increase in enrollment of students with severe special needs. The services these students require can be very costly, yet are definitely necessary.

West Bridgewater requires West Bridgewater to strive to educate student in the least restrictive environment. The District provides service workshops for all staff to help them acquire the expertise to teach an array of learning styles and needs. Students are provided with specialized instruction, assistance in general education classrooms, speech and language therapy, physical and occupational therapy, and counseling when needed in order to access the school curriculum.

In the months of March and April, West Bridgewater schools will experience a program review of its Special Education Department. It is a time to reflect on the best practices and areas needing improvement. This town is to be commended for the importance it places on helping all its children reach their potential.

At Spring Street School the District continues to serve its children with effective teaching and special services that allow all students to grow and become eager learners. The Preschool Program is committed to providing three and four year olds with a nurturing and stimulating environment. The Kindergarten Program bases its curriculum on the best educational practices and is preparing the students with pre-reading and math skills in order to be successful learners in the future. All the staff and parent volunteers are to be applauded for their efforts and commitment to young children.

I would like to thank you, the members of the School Committee, Administrators, and all staff who support the special services for the children of West Bridgewater. It is through joint efforts that West Bridgewater Schools are able to ensure all children be successful and productive citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen A. Slivka*

Kathleen A. Slivka  
Director of Pupil Personnel

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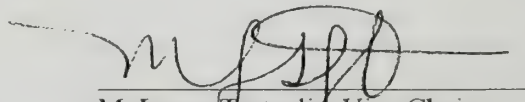
As always, it has been both a challenging and rewarding year for our School District. The Town approved a reduction in the size of the School Committee from six members to five and it is hoped this will encourage more competition for these important roles in our town government. It has been a difficult year from a financial perspective, with the slumping economy creating significant economic challenges to the town and the School District. We wish to recognize both the Board of Selectmen and the Town Finance Committee for their consistent and unwavering support for our system and the students within it. While many other towns have had to reduce the number of teachers in their systems, increase class sizes, and implement significant fees for transportation and student activities, we have been thus far able to avoid those measures and have continued to provide a high quality academic and athletic experience at no additional cost for those who wish to take advantage of it. The renovation at the High School has been completed and we now have a highly secure building with a state of the art library/media center, and confidential guidance and medical areas.

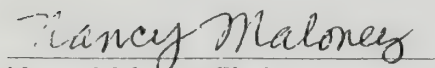
The High School Principal, Mr. Liatsos, and the Dean of Students, Mr. Broman, retired leaving us to find new leadership for the Middle/Senior High School. We are fortunate to have found Mr. Lew Klaiman to become our Principal, and Mr. Mark Bodwell, a former seventh grade teacher at our middle school to become the Assistant Principal. They have brought a new approach to the school, and parents, teachers, and students are noticing the difference.

A number of our other fine educators have made the decision to retire, and we will miss their wise counsel and experienced guidance. Dr. Robert White will complete the school year wearing both the permanent hat of the Superintendent, and the temporary hat of Rose L. MacDonald Principal, until a suitable replacement for the retiring Mr. David Moran can be found. Dr. White will work with the other school and community leaders to find replacements that will share the legacy of commitment and dedication to our students, while bringing new and different approaches to education. Dr. White has been recognized by the Committee for his outstanding leadership in the District with an extended contract that will ensure a long term focus on our strategy to achieve academic excellence.

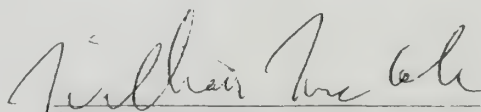
We wish to thank our community for the support and participation shown throughout this year and we are confident that, with the continuation of that support, we can provide every West Bridgewater child with the opportunity to reach his or her greatest potential.

  
Mr. Daniel G. West, Chairperson

  
M. Lynne Tartaglia, Vice Chair

  
Nancy Maloney, Clerk

  
Marianne Welch-Batstone

  
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# West Bridgewater Public Schools

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## Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank each and every resident of the Town who continue to demonstrate their strong support for our educational system.

Our students continue to represent this Town in a manner we should all be proud of. Their academic, drama, athletic and other extra-curricular accomplishments continue to be impressive. The graduating class of 2002 was awarded over \$90,000 in scholarships to pursue higher education.

There is a definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, other Town Committees, departments, employees, citizens, parents and students which makes our Town a special place in which to live and work. This pride, coupled with a spirit of cooperation, is greatly appreciated as we go about one of our most important tasks – **the education of our young people.**

Accomplishments over the last year include:

- All 10<sup>th</sup> graders passed English MCAS on their first try.
- Completion of the Middle/Senior High School renovation.
- Professional Development – long range In-Service Plan.
- Math Institute – last week in June.
- Accreditation for early Childhood Program.

This year is the second year of the School District's 5-Year Strategic Plan. Approximately thirty individuals representing parents, community members, teachers and administrators compose the Strategic Planning Team. This group identified seven goals, which served as a guide for the District's improvement efforts. They meet once a month to move forward on the action plans for each goal. The West Bridgewater School Committee and Superintendent acknowledge the members of the Strategic Planning Team and their work. They welcome other members of the community to join. Below are the goals followed by one example of a completed action plan:

Increase student achievement:

- *A course syllabus for each course in the high school is available to parents.*

Develop seamless curriculum K-12 based on state frameworks:

- *A half time coordinator now provides leadership in this area and works with teacher teams in the area of English and mathematics to address curriculum in the District.*

Establish effective communication:

- *This subcommittee publishes a district newsletter, which has been sent to each home in the community. Also district and school websites have been established.*

Upgrade and maintain building and grounds:

- *The high school renovations have been completed and classroom phones were installed at the MacDonald and Spring Street Schools for safety reasons.*

*Provide a safe, non-disruptive environment for students:*

- *There are clearer pre-k to 12 behavioral standards set for students and published in each school handbook.*

Strengthen parent/student commitment to West Bridgewater Schools as their K-12 choice:

- *This sub-committee has outreached to all parents and students grade 7 through 12 to identify ways the high school can better serve the students and their families.*

Expand and improve use of technology:

- *All District staff members have their own computer and email with most communication going through the District email system. New computer labs have been established for the MacDonald and Howard Schools.*

The Town has been as generous and supportive as possible in some difficult budget times. The current recession, as well as the State fiscal crisis, has severely impacted our ability to staff and to attain some of our educational goals. We are concerned about our ability to address long-range maintenance of our buildings, given the current need to focus all our efforts on the children's educational needs. We are going to need the community's support to move our educational agenda forward in spite of tough economic times.

My sincere thanks to the entire staff for their dedication and contribution of time, energy, effort and resources to the students of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert H. White, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools





## WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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FINE ARTS / FOREIGN LANGUAGE

MR. EDWARD SARRO  
COORDINATOR  
MATH / SCIENCE / TECHNOLOGY

### TOWN REPORT FOR THE MIDDLE-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 2002 brought many changes to the West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School. The most obvious was the completion of the renovation project. The administrative offices, guidance offices, nurse's office, and library underwent expansion and refurbishing. Any citizen who has not seen the change is more than welcome to tour the facility. Please check into the main office, and we will take you on a tour. Thank you to the citizens of West Bridgewater. Without your support, this would never have happened.

The year 2002 was also very successful in academics. All members of the classes of 2003 and 2004 passed the state required MCAS tests in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. We are one of only 13 high schools in the state to have all members of the class of 2003 pass. Congratulations to the students and the teachers.

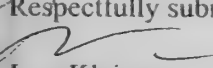
Eighty-five percent of our 2002 graduates went on to post-secondary education. Some of the colleges/universities that our graduates are attending include: Babson College, Bentley College, Boston University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Massachusetts Maritime Academy, New York University, Rutgers University, Wheaton College, and many of the Massachusetts state colleges and universities.

Our students were also very successful on the athletic fields in 2002. The girls' softball team was Division 4 state finalists. They also won the South Section Championship and were the Mayflower League champions. The girls' basketball team was in the State South Section semi-finals and also was the Mayflower League champions. The boys' golf team was the Mayflower League champion. Both the girls' field hockey team and the varsity soccer team competed in MIAA playoff tournaments in their respective sports.

The music/fine/arts/theatre department was also very busy this past year. The music department put on three concerts, one of which included art exhibits from our students. The drama club presented "You Are a Good Man, Charlie Brown," as well as their entry into the Drama Fest, "All's Well That Ends Wrong".

Unfortunately, not all changes are positive. The year 2002 saw the retirement of some of our most experienced personnel. Paul Lucius retired after having taught mathematics for 35 years. Ron Broman, our Dean of Students, retired after having worked for 34 years. Margaret Cook retired from the art department after 23 years. In the main office, Marion Loughman retired after 16 years, and Jane Walsh moved to Rhode Island after working 15 years at the Middle-Senior High School. Principal Leon Liatsos also retired at the end of the school year. They all will be missed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Lew Klaiman  
Principal



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**Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School**

With the retirement of Principal David Moran in December 2002, I have taken on the additional responsibility of Interim Principal of the Rose L. MacDonald School. Some days it has been challenging, but overall, the experience has been fulfilling and rewarding.

The Rose L. MacDonald School houses students in grades 1-3 in an elementary setting. The school is staffed by certified teachers, instructional assistants, a full time reading specialist, school nurse, speech pathologist and school secretary. Support staff, custodians, food service staff, monitors and clerks all work together for the full implementation of the educational program.

The staff continues to be involved in the curriculum and professional development activities have been directed specifically to preparing the students to meet the Commonwealth's standards. Our students continue to demonstrate academic success in state and local assessment tests as a result of quality instruction and teacher innovation. After school programs have been taking place and the East Bridgewater YMCA has continued to offer before and after school care for students.

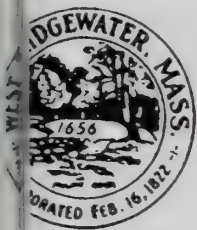
Eagle Scout Ross Perry, a West Bridgewater resident, finished polishing and shining the stage in the cafeteria. Mrs. Valentine entertained the community with the third grade production of "With One Voice" in June. The Parent Teacher Organization, Special Education Parent Advisory Council, School Improvement Council, Strategic Planning Team and other organization groups continue to enhance education, its delivery and improvement.

The Rose L. MacDonald School is a wonderful, small elementary school with a warm and caring atmosphere. The staff knows their children and their needs. The school is proud of the class sizes and the attention that teachers provide to their students. Learning how to read and write, as well as the building of a foundation for mathematics grounds the teaching strategies at "Role L." Helping students do their best and learn to their maximum potential outlines the school's core values. The parental support is strong and appreciated. As an old African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." The village of West Bridgewater wants the best for their children and the students responsibility is to move forward in the best interest of the children. We are thankful of the support parents and the community have given to their schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert H. White, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools





# West Bridgewater Public Schools

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**E. R. FRANCIS**  
Principal

### Report Of The Howard School

Howard School began the school year for students on Thursday, September 5, 2002 with 247 students in grades four, five, and six. All faculty and staff reported to school on Tuesday and Wednesday September 3 and 4 to participate in system wide professional development under the direction of our interim Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Susan Fleming.

Once again, personnel changes had a significant impact on the Howard School. Ms Joan MacDonald moved from the fifth grade back to the fourth grade giving us four fourth grade classes. Mrs. Marilyn McMahon resigned as the school nurse and was replaced by Mrs. Karen Bertram. Mrs. Margaret Hunt our special education instructional assistant and Mrs. Maureen Green, our Title I teacher, moved to the MacDonald School. Ms. Sara Dowling was hired as the new Title I instructor to work with Mrs. Debbie Kelley.

Students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS). In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library Science and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

This year, the students at the Howard School were also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular grant-funded programs through our participation with the North River Collaborative under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs. Some of these programs ran during the school year and some ran during the school vacations and during summer break. We thank Ms. Paula Karol for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. The programs include: After School Athletics, After School Enrichment Math Problem Solving Club, Homework Help, Computer Classes, Sign Language Classes, MCAS Study Classes, Learn To Cook, Girls Rule, Theater, Dance, Art, Creative Crafts, and Spanish.

Mrs. Sally Romano took on the role of Language Arts Team Leader for the Howard School. She met regularly with the staff in grades four, five and six to develop writing rubrics. All students in grades four, five and six participated in district wide long composition development. The emphasis in language arts continues to be one that encourages students to develop excellent communication skills both through oral communication and written communication. In the area of reading, students are continually encouraged to develop and improve their reading level and use their reading skills to learn. At the intermediate level, the emphasis continues to be reading and writing to learn. This year students in the sixth grade competed in the Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge. Ms. Christine Talbot, champion of the Howard School, won the right to participate in the Massachusetts State Championship Word Power Challenge which was held in West Springfield, Mass. Throughout the year, students are involved in many and varied reading and writing incentive programs. Some of these are: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Book It, Read Across America, Young Author's Celebration and Pen Pal Letters.



A significant amount of time and energy was spent on professional development in the area of Mathematics. Kathleen Pitvoric, author of The Everyday Math program has continued to work with the teachers at grades K-8 to improve our math skills. Approximately 15 teachers participated in a week-long summer mathematics training program. In addition, Ms. Pitvoric has continued to meet with the staff at all elementary grades for three additional staff development weeks during the school year. This professional development focuses on promoting student self confidence in mathematics by teaching students to develop problem solving strategies, teaching students how to reason mathematically and by building all students' number sense. Students explore, predict, validate, discuss and investigate until they become proficient learners who reason, understand remember and apply math concepts and facts.

A new mobile computer lab was added to the Howard School this year. In addition, updates were performed on the school computers in the Howard School lab and students were introduced to several new educational software programs. We thank Mr. Ed Sarro, our computer technology coordinator for making these improvements to our school.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library again continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year and the Friends of the Library under the direction of Marianne Lorrain arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the RIF program.

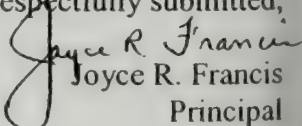
The West Bridgewater P.T.O., under the direction of Mrs. Carol Pigeon, provided the Howard School students with many enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Bats, Native Americans, An Egyptian Specialist, Learning About China, Harriet Tubman, Jason Newton, the Map Maker, Marie Curie; as well as funding for student participation in the Mathematics Olympiad program and the National Geographic Geography Bee and for various other necessary educational materials. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. Mrs. Evelyn Bandlow has continued on in the role of Team Leader in the area of Mathematics for grades 4, 5 and 6. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students. Students are involved in group activities, individual learning activities and cooperative learning activities. All instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student.

The Howard School Council met on the second Thursday of each month throughout the school year. Council members include: Mrs. Christina Reed, Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Officer Ann Savignano, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mrs. Maureen Rosa, and Mrs. Sally Romano and Mrs. Marie Dowling. They reviewed the Howard School budget, revised the school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Howard School building the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

**"We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care."**

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Joyce R. Francis  
Principal

## **REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Eugene Kostecki, School Committee Member*

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 21 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and seven post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2002, 1,163 students were enrolled in the high school and 142 students were enrolled in the technical institute. West Bridgewater had 40 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional underwent a decennial accreditation evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges during November of last year. Forty-four program review booklets were examined by one of the largest teams assembled. Programs in the high school and technical institute were assessed based on national standards of instruction. Southeastern Regional was granted continued accreditation as a result of the evaluation.

In June of 2002, the high school graduated 218 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Placement records indicate that 93% of the Class of 2002 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post secondary education.

Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. The Southeastern Regional Chapter of Massachusetts Skills USA/VICA was recognized as the outstanding chapter in Massachusetts. Three students competed at the National Business Professionals of America competition.

Program Advisory Committees for every program offered at Southeastern, met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional District School Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern Regional.

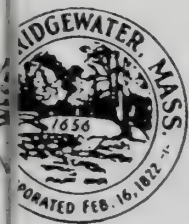
Southeastern is committed to expanding its communication with alumni. An Alumni Committee started contacting former graduates to increase connections with the Southeastern Regional Alumni. This results in several Alumni events including a picnic and Homecoming coffee at the Thanksgiving football game, and reunions for several classes were held this year.

The Southeastern Technical Institute offers six full-time day programs for adults. Program offerings include Licensed Practical Nursing, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Computer Programming and Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning. Our programs are certified by the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education programs, as well as the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. The technical institute has a 95 percent job placement rate.

Technical institute students participate in SkillsUSA/VICA. In the last three years they have captured ten state medals and three national medals.

The Evening School at Southeastern has added a number of new programs/courses including a two evening per week Phlebotomy course, a Personal Computer Specialist A+ Certification course and a number of craft/hobby courses. An active recruitment campaign to find new instructors is ongoing. The technical institute is providing computer training for all employees in the town of Easton.





## *West Bridgewater Public Library*

80 HOWARD STREET  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

Telephone 508-894-1255  
Beth Roll Smith, Director

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The year 2002 saw the completion of the Small Businesses Improvement Mini-Grant that was made available through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. The \$17,225 of federal money through the Library Services and Technology Act ( L.S.T.A. ) was spent on ten business seminars, creation of the Business Information Zone or BIZ section in the library with 22 new circulating business books, 20 new business reference books, 15 audiobooks, ten videos, seven business periodicals, a part time assistant reference librarian, a new personal computer for business use, and nine business software packages. The Library has been honored in giving this grant to our business patrons and to provide new and improved local services.

Miss Jo Rapp, Children's Librarian, applied for and received a two year Early Childhood Grant in the amount of \$10,000 through the L.S.T.A. and the MBLC payable in two increments. \$5,500 received in 2002. I led the Children's Room to purchase new craft supplies, children's print and media materials, and hire special guests to improve services to children ages zero to five years old. Programs presented were Sparky's Puppets and Su Eaton, the Snowflake Fairy Storyteller. During the year the Children's Department presented the Rudolph with his Magic of Reading Show at the conclusion celebration of the "Star Spangled Summer Reading Club" party in August ( 120 children enrolled ). Steve's visit was sponsored by West Bridgewater Rural Council. A highlight of the summer was the annual Harry Potter Party. The Barn Babies Petting Zoo, Howe'en Costume Party, a Talent Show, and New England Reptiles and Raptors were also very well loved this year. The North River Collaborative sponsored Pumpernickel Puppets for children under four years of age. A turnout of twenty young adults between ages 11 and 14 participated in the Baby-Sitters Workshop. Camp Library for twenty children in the summer included a Magic Workshop with Greg Adams as a magician teaching tricks. Sachem sponsored Diane Kordas' Puppet Show attracting sixty people.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 60,700 now, circulation in one year of 56,449, and receipt of 5,802 new items in the year. The Library website is [www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater](http://www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater). On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events and Heritage Quest Online which is a genealogy database. The monthly Library Newsletter is HeddaLines.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating programs and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental ( R.I.F. ) program where Friends' member dues, not to mention the ongoing book sale, and private donations fund the distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the Town in January, May, and September distributions. Over 15,200 books have been distributed in this program since 1989.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Library. We appreciate that residents recognize library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith  
Library Director

## West Bridgewater Board of Health

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2002

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 2002

The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board activities.

Perc Test Observations.....	\$ 9,290.00
Disposal works permits.....	5,951.00
Food service and retail food permits.....	6,005.00
Disposal works installer permits.....	3,000.00
Milk and Cream permits.....	495.00
Septic hauling licenses.....	1,700.00
Rabies Clinic.....	490.00
Mobile food service permits.....	325.00
Mobile home park and motel permits.....	200.00
Miscellaneous.....	935.00
Tobacco Licenses.....	675.00
Tanning Licenses.....	155.00
Massage Therapists and Establishments.....	1,125.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 30,346.00

The Board of Health would like to express their appreciation to the following for their service.

Partners Home Care, Inc. and our Public Health Nurse, Doreen Zeller, for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11 A.M. to Noon in our office at the Town Hall. Clinics are also held in the COA Center at the Spring Street School on the second Wednesday from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Dr. Neal Andelman of the West bridge Veterinary Hospital for the rabies clinic. Dr. Andelman donates rabies serum, hypodermic syringes, immunization tags and most importantly his time and expertise in handling animals. Without Dr. Andelman's willingness to make a gift of this magnitude to the town we would be unable to offer the convenience of a very affordable rabies clinic to our residents. All monetary donations made the day of the clinic are given to the town at the request of Dr. Andelman.

The Highway Department staff for the use of their building, plus their time spent making the rabies clinic possible. We also thank the volunteers who donate their personal time to the town for this clinic.

Todd Pilling, Professional Engineer, Mr. Pilling has been a consultant regarding Septic Systems for the Board and attends the Boards regularly scheduled meetings.

Mr. Peter Bergstrom and Mr. Doug Sime, the Health Officers, for their service to the town. Mr. Bergstrom and Mr. Sime handle all the day-to-day work that allows our Board to function. The ongoing restaurant and food handling inspections, septic site inspections and follow-up visits and calls on public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

A thank you also goes to Sandra Asack for her many years of faithful service to the Town of West Bridgewater through her membership on the Board of Health.

The Board Members would like to welcome Jerry Lawrence who joined our Board in November 2002 due to the resignation of long time member Sandra Asack.

Lastly, The Board would like remind residents that this office has a program for the collection of (Medical Waste) Sharps/Lancets from Residents of 'West Bridgewater. The regulations for this service can be obtained at the Board of Health Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Bradford W. Piesco  
Chairman

Jerry D. Lawrence  
Clerk

Howard W. Hayward  
Member



INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 2002

	Adult	Young
Cattle:		
Number of dairy	216	74
Number of beef.....	24	15
Number of steers/oxen.....	n/a	
Number of goats (Adult = 1 year and up).....	8	
Number of sheep (Adult = 1 year and up).....	35	
Swine:		
Number of breeders.....	n/a	
Number of feeders.....	1	
Equines:		
Number of horses.....	90	
Number of ponies.....	18	
Number of stables accessible to the public.....	3	
Number of llamas.....	5	
Poultry:		
Number of chickens.....	254	
Number of turkeys.....	6500	
Number of ratites.....	6	
Number of waterfowl.....	121	
Number of game birds.....	6	
Number of rabbits.....	4	
Other animal.....	n/a	

Respectfully submitted,

Howard A. Anderson

Inspectors of Animals

Lee Anderson

# INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING OFFICER



## WEST BRIDGEWATER TOWN HALL

65 North Main Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379

Joseph L. Vasapollo, Jr.

Telephone 508-894-1207 - FAX 508-894-8111

### REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The following 2002 Annual Report for the Department reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

#### RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

#### CONSTRUCTION VALUE

23 Dwellings	\$ 4,172,000.00
36 Additions, Alterations	\$ 1,317,800.00
239 Incidental Construction	\$ 1,426,961.00
13 Swimming Pools	\$ 94,833.00
6 Stoves and Chimneys	\$ 10,400.00
88 Zoning	\$ 2,050.00
	\$ 7,024,044.00

#### COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION

2 New Buildings	\$ 600,000.00
11 Additions, Alterations	\$ 2,031,900.00
20 Incidental Construction	\$ 948,200.00
30 Signs	\$ 46,186.50
9 Demolitions	\$ 225.00
	\$ 3,626,511.50

#### CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL

\$ 10,650,555.50

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	\$ 81,140.47
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	\$ 11,015.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	\$ 10,837.00
	\$ 102,992.47

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph L. Vasapollo, Jr.  
Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were scheduled as hearing applications were received and were held in the Conference Room of the Town Hall or the Cafeteria of the Howard School. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2002, the Board of Appeals held twenty-one (21) advertised Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Variances granted	2
Special Permits granted	17
Special Permit requests withdrawn	2

The Board of Appeals also granted one Comprehensive Permit under General Laws Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 for the construction of 80 townhouse and apartment style residences of over-55 affordable housing on land located at 789 North Main St.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Building Inspector Joseph Vasapollo, Jr., and all town officials and departments for their continued cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Lucini, Chairman  
John DeCosta, Jr., Vice Chairman  
Michael D. Feresten  
Lars (Gary) Eliasson  
James Henderson  
Marian Spencer  
Armen Amerigian





## Planning Board

65 North Main Street  
West Bridgewater,  
Massachusetts 02379  
Telephone (508) 894-1200  
Fax (508) 894-1210

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual Report of activities for the year 2002.

Twenty-two(22) meetings were held throughout the year. There were no Special Meetings held. There were Five(5) Form a Plans approved. The Planning Board approved Two(2) Sub-divisions for acceptance by the Town. These still have to be passed at a town meeting. There are presently Twelve(12) Sub-divisions under various stages of completion.. The Board denied one(1) sub-division without prejudice. The Board has held discussions on some possible Sub-divisions. Seven(7) Site Plans were approved prior to new bylaws, where approval was transferred to the Board of Appeals. Eight(8) Site Plans were reviewed and sent to the Board of Appeals. Two(2) Special Permits were granted. and Three(3) were denied.

The Planning Board has reviewed plans the Comprehensive Plan for housing on North Main Street and Expansion of Matfieldwoods Estates on North Main Street. A Public Hearing was held for the Town's Master Plan. The Planning Board Rules and Regulations Governing Sub-divisions were reviewed and amended.

Over the year members represented the Board on many Town committees.

The Planning Board would like to thank James Henderson for the time he served the Board and welcome Anthony Kinahan to the Board as our new elected member.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the past year. In closing we would like to thank the people of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings and for their comments. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman  
Howard A. Anderson, Vice-Chairman  
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk  
Grete Bohannon, Member  
Anthony Kinahan, Member

## **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and to the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors' submit their annual report:

We continue to see an upward spiral in property values in the Residential and Commercial/Industrial properties. Even with an apparent sluggish economy over the last year, the lowest interest rates in years, as well as a limited supply of properties on the market, properties values still rose substantially.

The year 2002 began the triennial revaluation process of properties within the Town. The new values will take effect in FY2003. Since the last revaluation program, which took effect three years ago in FY2000, we have noted growth figures remain on the high side. We have continued to urge the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady classification rate, in order to keep the various tax rates from escalating too greatly. They have seen the wisdom of this in their "setting of the tax rates."

The Assessors', last year, printed and offered our residents, a handbook showing what your Board of Assessors' do, and do not do, with respect to the real estate taxes our residents and businesses pay. There is other valuable information in this handbook that should be of significant value to our residents and business and industrial base. It continues to be available at the Town Hall and remains invaluable to your understanding of the Board of Assessors' role for our community.

Many residents have taken advantage of a computer on the counter in the Assessors' office. Residents may look up and review their own property information as well as other properties, if they choose to do so.

Your Board of Assessors' has entered into a reorganization of the department to better serve the residents of the Town. As funds are available, we hope to redesign the layout of the office to increase efficiencies for taxpayers and professionals who use our records and staff for pertinent information. We are hopeful that we can put more informational programs into the computer system, such as abatement and exemption information, as well as automating the handling of excise taxes, and their abatements, wherever warranted.

Your Board of Assessors' wishes to stress their OPEN DOOR POLICY for all of the Town's residents and professionals. We are here to serve you and are dedicated to that end. We have increased the hours of our clerical staff so that we can serve you better.

It is with deep regret that the Board lost DeSales "Dee" Heath, who passed away on March 5, 2002. His years of service and dedication to the Board and the Town will be sorely missed.

The Board of Assessors' wishes to thank the residents of West Bridgewater, the Commercial and Industrial base, and all of the other Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in making our goals and objectives easier to accomplish.

Respectfully submitted,

Irving W. Puffer, Chairman  
Donald L. Miller, Jr., Clerk  
Robert W. Lundin, Member



January 1, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending  
December 31, 2002.

During the calendar year 2002, a total of one hundred  
eighty-eight (188) measuring devices were sealed, twenty-six (26)  
devices were adjusted, four (4) devices were marked Not Sealed  
(as such they cannot be used legally in trade), and two (2)  
devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards.  
In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of eleven (11)  
scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and  
tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	1 Not Sealed
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	4 Sealed 1 Not Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	10 Sealed 2 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	34 Sealed 1 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 1 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	9 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	78 Sealed 20 Adjusted
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 3 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed
Spring Water	4 Sealed

Fabric Measuring Devices

35 Sealed

Linear Measures

Tapes

1 Sealed

Redemption Machines

2 Sealed

Scanner Systems

1 Tested

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$2,675.00
Adjusting Fees	120.00
Total Fees	----- \$2,795.00

The fees collected represent an increase of \$420 over last year, due mainly to the new fee schedule. All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Herbert A. Wolfer  
Sealer of Weights and Measures

# West Bridgewater

## Cultural Council

Town Hall

West Bridgewater, MA 02379



**MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL**

A state agency that funds your community's local cultural council

January 28, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the members of the cultural Council submit the annual report for the activities for 2002.

The Council received 41 applications for the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant award of \$3300. With the inclusion of \$122 for cancelled projects in 2001, the members awarded funding for the following programs:

\$400 to Council On Aging for a Mel Simon "olde time" radio show  
\$275 for storyteller Michael Myers for the Children's Summer Park program  
\$600 for a Shakespeare program for High School students  
\$300 for a Children's Library puppet show by Debbie O'Carroll  
\$100 to support the Brockton Symphony's Concert season  
\$100 to support the Easton Children's Museum  
\$325 for a Bob Thomas show "When Animals Danced" at MacDonald School  
\$350 to the PTO for a "Bats" program for Howard School students  
\$75 to a Library for a Quabbin Reservoir presentation for the community  
\$45 to the Library for community passes to Roger Williams Zoo & Museum  
\$60 to William Mondeau for COA piano tunes entertainment  
\$100 to support the Fuller Museum of Brockton  
\$100 to the Library for community passes to the Museum of Fine Arts  
\$351 for 78 MacDonald School students to attend "The Three Sillies" at the Zeiteron Theater  
\$100 to support a summer theater for teens sponsored by the Bridgewater Center of Fine Arts

Members strive to select applications that present a variety of cultural programs within the community to benefit residents of all ages and interests. The suggestions of the residents are always welcome.

Respectfully,

Lorrie Mardo, Chairman  
Linda Kurinskas  
Kathy Massey  
Debbie Tisdale  
Carolyn Ritucci  
Maureen Hunt



## Annual Report Of The CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2002

Approximately 30% of our town is composed of wetlands. West Bridgewater's ponds, rivers and wetlands are a treasure and account for much of the appeal of the area. Besides providing a plentiful supply of drinking water and opportunities for hunting, swimming, canoeing, fishing and education, these wetlands are important to the town as wildlife habitat, for water recharge, and to reduce flooding.

Our town is named after its rural heritage - bridges and water. Are we protecting our natural character, our streams, wetlands, water and historic resources? Your Commissioners are a group of appointed volunteers who work long hours to achieve community conservation and preservation goals.

March 20, 2003

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission hereby submits its annual report of activities for 2002.

The Commission held 23 meetings during the year and conducted 37 Public Hearings.

Commission members issued the following:

- 19 Order of Conditions – Approved.
- 2 Order of Conditions - Denied.
- 7 Determinations of Applicability - Negative.
- 3 Determinations of Applicability - Positive.
- 4 Enforcement Orders and 9 Violation Notices.
- 1 Certificate of Compliance, 1 Extension Permit.
- 4 Order of Resource Area Delineations.

The Commission wishes to thank the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for their assistance and also extend thanks to all the town departments for their continuous help and cooperation as we strive to make the best decisions for our environment.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Palin, Chairman  
William Clancy, Vice Chairman  
Howard Hayward, Commissioner  
Dick Weatherby, Commissioner  
Joseph Gindhart, Commissioner  
Anna Britton, Secretary



# *West Bridgewater Historical Commission*

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and Town Residents,

We, the Historical Commission of West Bridgewater would like to thank the Board of Selectman, the Finance Committee, the Old Bridgewater Historical Society and other Town Departments for their support and guidance this past year.

With six scheduled meetings as a group, and various meetings with the By-Law Committee and Selectman, we are pleased with our progress year ending 2002. This year we will be presenting the Town with the Demolition Delay Bylaw. This bylaw is designed to safeguard our Town's unique historical resources based on West Bridgewater's historical, cultural, and architectural heritage.

In conjunction with the Old Bridgewater Historical Society and the second grade teachers of the Rose L. MacDonald School, a West Bridgewater History Awareness Tour was scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date, June 7<sup>th</sup>). Due to inclement weather, the visit to the Keith Parsonage and other homes was canceled with plans for a revisit in the mid spring of 2003. The Howard School also participated with a History Scrapbook of West Bridgewater. Students were able to download scanned photographs and postcards, and incorporate the material as part of their curriculum.

With a budget in place, we were able to begin projects that required funding, most notably the documentation of homes and the launching of a "Plaque Program". The Plaque Program is designed to highlight some of the areas more historic and distinctive older homes. With this program, homeowners will have an opportunity to participate and help commemorate the town's historical charm.

In closing, I would like to thank my Commission Members for their dedication, time and effort. Looking forward to another productive year.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Sheedy, Co-Chair

John Newell, Co-Chair

Katharine Turner, Secretary

Ann Harrington, Treasurer

Noreen D'Andrea, Member

Anne Marie Sheedy, Member

Gregory Sheedy, Member

Donna Ames and Marc Anderson, Associate Members



## Womansplace Crisis Center

A Program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

P.O. Box 4206  
Brockton, MA 02303  
(508) 588-2042

### THE PROGRAM

Womansplace Crisis Center is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc. which is a private, non-profit agency. The center combines the services of the former Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center and Womansplace shelter for battered women. Womansplace Crisis Center was established more than fifteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We at the center struggle to eliminate rape and sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities.

*All services are free of charge.*

### SERVICES

The Womansplace Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

**24-HOUR HOTLINE:** The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest, sexual assault and their significant others.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION:** Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors, and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault. The counselor provides support to the survivor and the family to help them regain control of a particularly devastating situation.

**INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING:** Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with the feelings of isolation and helplessness.

**MEDICAL LIAISON:** Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors utilized by various community hospitals.

**LEGAL LIAISON:** Counselors accompany survivors to court to provide them the emotional support to follow through with the charges. The court experience can be extremely difficult for the survivors. In addition to assisting survivors within the court setting, counselors work closely with police departments during the initial stages of a sexual assault investigation.

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome and other related issues.

**THE NEED:** One out of every two women will be raped or be a victim of attempted rape in their lifetime.

One out of every seven males are sexually assaulted by the age of eighteen.



United Way

Domestic Violence Hotline: (508) 588-2041 ~ Domestic Violence TTY (508) 583-3712  
Sexual Assault Hotline: (508) 588-8255 ~ Sexual Assault TTY (508) 894-2869, hours 9-5, M-F\*  
\*For Sexual Assault TTY assistance after hours, please call the Domestic Violence TTY#.





THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
STATE RECLAMATION BOARD



## **Plymouth County MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT**

142R PEMBROKE STREET, P.O. BOX 72, KINGSTON, MA. 02364-0072  
TELEPHONE (781) 585-5450 FAX (781) 582-1276  
[www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com)

**Commissioners:**

Carolyn Brennan - Chairman  
Robert A. Thorndike - Vice Chairman  
Leighton F. Peck, Jr. - Secretary  
William J. Mara  
Michael J. Pieroni

**Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.  
Superintendent**

January 10, 2003

Board of Selectmen  
Town of West Bridgewater  
Town Hall  
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

Enclosed, please find our annual town report-2002. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Jo Ann M. Fawcett  
Administrative Assistant

## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2002.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2002 season began with a below average water table for the region which continued throughout the summer. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 5,911 requests for service.

We are happy to report that in 2002 there were no human Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile cases in Plymouth County. The recurring problem of EEE and WNV to the Northeast continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

West Nile Virus increased during 2002 with 24 human cases with the majority detected in Suffolk and Middlesex Counties. No horse cases occurred in Plymouth County during 2002, possibly due to owners vaccinating their horses with a new WNV Equine vaccine. One llama from Halifax, the first in the Country, tested positive for WNV early in the season. In 2002 only 4 birds tested positive for WNV compared to 257 last year. To ascertain the risk to human health and horses, this Project continued placing mosquito traps in known infected areas from the year prior. The mosquitoes collected were tested at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for WNV, but none were infected. In an effort to keep the Public informed, WNV activity updates are regularly posted on our web site, [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 1,248 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

During the summer 634 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

**Aerial Application.** Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 1,125 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors

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January 10, 2003  
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continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2002, crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 1,720 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 87 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Coquillettidia perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Aedes vexans* and *Culex spp.*

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker  
Superintendent

*Commissioners:*  
Carolyn Brennan, *Chairman*  
Leighton F. Peck, Jr., *Secretary*  
William J. Mara  
Michael J. Pieroni



## REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2002.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Halifax Master Plan; Pembroke Master Plan; Avon East/West Circulation Study; Regional Truck Study; Robbins Pond Outlet Sub-Water Shed Source Water Protection Plan; Route 106 Traffic Study (Easton, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater); Coweaset Brook Business Area Study (Brockton, Easton and West Bridgewater); Whitman Traffic Circulation Study; numerous Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the past year, the council conducted traffic counts at approximately 200 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Whitman Master Plan, Executive Order 418 Program, Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 Program. The Council initiate work on updating the 2003 Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years. During the past year the Council also restructured the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include four additional members.

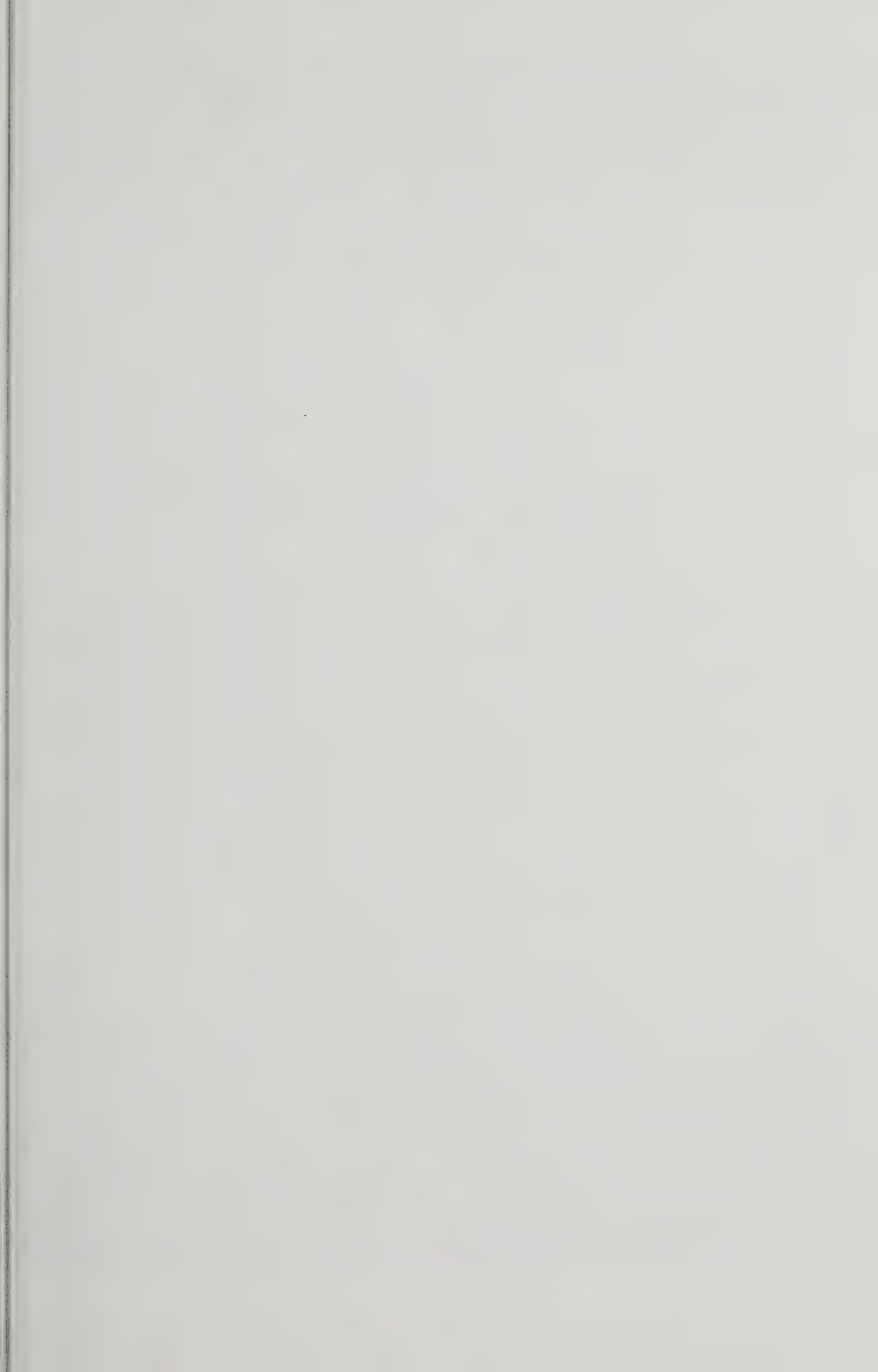
Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2002, the Council re-elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pat Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Josephine Hatch for their dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eldon Moreira, Delegate  
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate  
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

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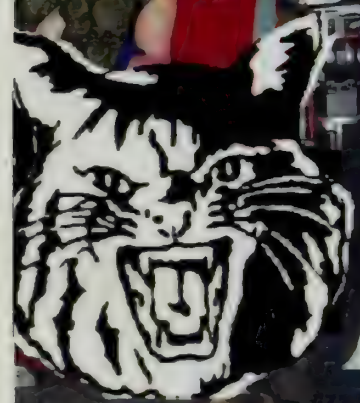




# West Bridgewater Middle Senior High School



# School Spirit Event





# Town of West Bridgewater



Annual Report  
2003

THE 2003 TOWN REPORT  
IS DEDICATED  
TO

LENO "LEO" VOLTA  
RENT CONTROL BOARD MEMBER  
1987 - 1991

This Town Report is also  
dedicated to all Town Employees  
and Volunteers, past and present,  
who continue to serve the  
Town of West Bridgewater  
with dedication and pride.





ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
TOWN OFFICERS  
AND COMMITTEES  
of the Town of  
WEST BRIDGEWATER  
For the year ending  
December 31, 2003



## Board of Selectmen

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West Bridgewater,  
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### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 182nd Annual Town Report.

The year 2003 saw many projects going on in the Selectmen's Office. Victor Flaherty retained his seat on the Board and he was elected Chairman of the Board.

The Police Department promoted Officer Kenneth C. Bryant to the position of Sergeant in August of 2003. They appointed Kitty Doherty as a Clerk to the Conservation Commission. The Selectmen also appointed a new Building Inspector, Paul Stringham of Attleboro and a new Town Accountant, Anitra Muhammed of Brockton.

The Selectmen saw the completion of the addition to Town Hall started, which, offers an elevator, new set of stairs and a new vault to the building, giving all second floor accessibility. This will enable the Selectmen to go forward and make usable office space out of the second floor of Town Hall, which is sorely needed. This will hopefully be accomplished by the summer of 2004.

The Selectmen went to a Special Town Meeting for a new Ambulance for the Fire Department, in September, due to the loss of one ambulance in an accident.

The Selectmen also saw the completion of the New Council On Aging Senior Center on West Center Street. This now offers the Senior Citizens of the Town a building of their own and more appropriate space to meet their needs. With the cooperation of many Town departments, the building was open for business in early summer. The Selectmen are grateful to the seniors who made this a reality and to Representative Christine Canavan and our then Senator, JoAnn Sprague, for helping to secure a \$598,598 CDBG Grant to partially fund the building.

The Master Plan Implementation Committee subcommittees began presenting the Selectmen with their specific plans, such as Center of Town recommendations and Housing Committee recommendations.

The December blizzard put to the test many of the Town's vehicles. We lost several large vehicles to overwork and age and the Selectmen plan to bring to Town Meeting floor a request to purchase new vehicles for the Highway and Forestry Department.

Roadwork was a priority for Selectmen as well, and thanks to the dedication of Highway Superintendent Thomas Green, they saw many roadway projects undertaken and completed.

The Selectmen faced huge budgetary constraints this year, because the Town's state aid was drastically cut more than \$500,000. FY05 figures do not look much better. Through it all, though, the Selectmen kept services and staff level. Hopefully, this will be able to be accomplished in the next year, with all Town departments doing their part to keep the figures on track.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Larson and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors. Without them, the wheels of government would grind to a halt.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor R. Flaherty, Chairman  
Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk  
Richard J. Freitas, Member

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## **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

**Edward Medairos, Trustee of Beacon Park Realty Trust.**

**V.**

**Rent Control Board of the Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board which granted a rent increase to the plaintiff as the owner of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Cumberland Farms, Inc.**

**V.**

**Town of West Bridgewater  
Planning Board**

This is an action brought in the Land Court appealing a decision of the Planning Board which denied an endorsement, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81P, of a perimeter plan submitted by the plaintiff as one which did not require approval under the subdivision control law. The Land Court has ruled for the plaintiff and its judgment has been appealed to the Appeals Court by the Town.

**Conservation Commission**

**V.**

**L.H. Realty, L.L.C.**

This is an action brought by the Conservation Commission in the Plymouth County Superior Court which seeks an order from the Court ordering the defendant to comply, with respect to its land at 255 Pleasant Street, with the Wetlands Protection

By-Law, and the Conservation Commission Rules and Regulations. This action is pending trial in the Superior Court.

**Philip Tuck  
V.  
West Bridgewater Police Department**

This is a complaint filed by Philip Tuck with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination alleging that he was discriminated against by the Town's Police Department because of his age and his disability. This action is pending before the Commission.

**Charles Souaiden and Elias Souaiden, Trustees  
of Souaiden Trust  
V.  
Planning Board of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Land Court appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals which denied them a special permit for a convenience store and gasoline station at 195 South Main Street.

**Charles W. Johnson  
V.  
Conservation Commission and  
Board of Selectmen**

This is a complaint brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Conservation Commission which denied them a variance from the Town's Wetlands Protection By-Law to permit the construction of an on-site sanitary disposal system at property located at 40 Clinton Road.

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/02	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2003
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	\$ 5,867.15	\$ 128.60		\$	5,995.75
TOWN CEMETERIES	\$ 16,710.08	\$ 359.36		\$	17,069.44
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	\$ 16,862.36	\$ 412.07		\$	17,274.43
#2	\$ 8,363.10	\$ 179.85		\$ (1,922.24)	6,620.71
#3	\$ 19,689.06	\$ 423.43		\$ (1,206.80)	18,905.69
#4	\$ 17,704.01	\$ 423.47		\$ (660.05)	17,467.43
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	\$ 14,333.53	\$ 308.26		\$ (4,458.84)	10,182.95
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	\$ 5,922.40	\$ 211.81		\$	6,134.21
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	\$ 5,683.97	\$ 116.86		\$ (250.00)	5,550.83
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	\$ 1,933.04	\$ 41.57		\$	1,974.61
DRURY BELL FUND	\$ 33.31	\$ 29.75		\$	63.06
STABILIZATION FUND	\$ 451,375.53	\$ 6,700.74		\$	458,076.27
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$	\$ 720.07	\$ 182,341.41	\$ (113,850.56)	69,210.92
TOTALS	\$ 564,477.54	\$ 10,055.84	\$ 182,341.41	\$ (122,348.49)	634,526.30



# INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE &	\$	121,267.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$	1,314.00
TITLE V		
TOTALS	\$	122,581.00

On August 15, 2003 the Town borrowed \$1,792,000 for the following capital items:

Iron Removal Building/Well	\$	700,000.00
Land Purchase Water Dept.	\$	537,500.00
Engine - Fire Dept	\$	280,000.00
Senior Center	\$	200,000.00
Vehicle - Highway Dept	\$	75,000.00
Total Borrowing	\$	1,792,500.00

The interest rate for the borrowing on these projects had an average interest rate of 3.75%. I am proud to announce that the Town has received a bond rating increase to the level of "A+". This rating increase will allow the Town to borrow money at a lower interest rate than it has in the past.

I would like to thank the following employees for their dedication to their job; Assistant Treasurer Janet Merritt, support staff Kevan Sullivan, Maureen Adams, and Janice Golder. Their expertise and dedication to excellent customer support is truly appreciated by myself, their co-workers and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

*John G. Duggan*

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED  
JOHN G. DUGGAN  
Treasurer/Collector

PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
TAXES

YEAR	06/30/02 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/03 BALANCE
1995	\$ 208.75					\$	208.75
1996	\$ 223.25					\$	223.25
1997	\$ 2,418.66					\$	2,418.66
1998	\$ 1,794.75					\$	1,794.75
1999	\$ 2,411.38					\$	1,793.08
2000	\$ 1,728.02					\$	1,728.02
2001	\$ 3,021.95		\$ (380.00)			\$	1,870.26
2002	\$ 45,737.15		\$ (35,324.39)	458.22		\$	5,313.41
2003	\$	\$ 437,277.04	\$ (19.41)	31,708.47		\$	18,381.16
TOTALS	\$ 67,643.91	\$ 437,277.04	\$ (35,723.80)	32,166.69	\$	\$ (457,532.50)	\$ 33,731.34

WATER USE  
CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/02 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/03 BALANCE
2000	\$ (4,645.96)					\$	(4,645.96)
2001	\$ (9,366.63)					\$	(10,871.93)
2002	\$ 64,450.30		\$ (5,509.42)			\$	4,524.55
2003	\$	\$ 991,729.11	\$ (17,956.45)			\$	75,455.75
TOTALS	\$ 50,437.71	\$ 991,729.11	\$ (23,465.87)	\$	\$	\$ (954,238.54)	\$ 64,462.41

WATER LIENS  
RECEIVABLES

YEAR	06/30/02 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/03 BALANCE
2001	\$ 1,750.47			(803.33)		\$ (947.14)	\$
2002	\$ 4,783.67			(3,035.03)		\$ (1,586.48)	\$ 162.16
2003	\$	\$ 18,721.68	\$ (1.28)	(4,450.81)		\$ (10,236.70)	\$ 4,032.89
TOTALS	\$ 6,534.14	\$ 18,721.68	\$	(8,289.17)	\$	\$ (12,770.32)	\$ 4,195.05
TIE INS	\$ (23,540.00)	\$ 36,900.00			\$	\$ (34,280.00)	\$ (20,920.00)

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES  
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2003

REAL ESTATE

YEAR	06/30/2002 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS	FORECLOSURES DEFERRED	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/2003 BALANCE
1989	\$ 165.66								\$ 165.66
1990	\$ 169.62								\$ 169.62
1991	\$ 446.82								\$ 446.82
1992	\$ 652.90								\$ 652.90
1993	\$ 289.14								\$ 289.14
1994	\$ 227.15								\$ 227.15
1995	\$ 233.28								\$ 233.28
1996	\$ 250.42								\$ 250.42
1997	\$ 278.00								\$ 278.00
1998	\$ 219.69								\$ 219.69
1999	\$ 615.68								\$ 615.68
2000	\$ 158.31								\$ 158.31
2001	\$ 35,623.61				\$ (15,764.10)	\$ (1,958.04)		\$ (17,729.69)	\$ 171.78
2002	\$ 462,197.36			\$ 8,074.99	\$ (60,588.09)	\$ (32,145.24)		\$ (376,003.25)	\$ 1,535.77
2003	\$ (6,505.46)	\$ 11,066,987.83	\$ (103,460.27)	\$ 42,344.99	\$ (94,627.33)			\$ (10,436,314.64)	\$ 468,425.12
2004								\$ (8,968.19)	\$ (8,968.19)
TOTALS	\$ 496,022.18	\$ 11,066,987.83	\$ (103,460.27)	\$ 50,419.98	\$ (170,979.52)	\$ (34,103.28)	\$	\$ (10,839,015.77)	\$ 464,871.15

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE  
06/30/2002  
BALANCE

	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/2003 BALANCE
2000	\$ 1,199.90	\$ (6,477.74)		\$ (2,427.21)	\$
2001	\$ 58,961.95	\$ (12,815.10)	\$ 1,416.87	\$ (62,535.45)	\$
2002	\$ 333,474.99	\$ (14,982.80)	\$ 13,676.47	\$ (345,056.33)	\$ 19,136.68
2003	\$ 638,306.25	\$ (15,538.03)	\$ 3,379.38	\$ (603,903.05)	\$ 22,243.55
TOTALS	\$ 1,031,943.09	\$ (49,814.67)	\$ 18,472.72	\$ (1,013,922.04)	\$ 41,380.23



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
2003 STATISTICS**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

**PRECINCT ONE**

Democrat	434
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1
Libertarian	15
Reform	2
Republican	468
Socialist	1
Unenrolled	1175
 TOTAL	 2097

**PRECINCT TWO**

Democrat	484
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1
Libertarian	9
Reform	0
Republican	395
Socialist	0
Unenrolled	1119
 TOTAL	 2407

**TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4106**

**TOTAL POPULATION**

6759

**RESIDENCE STATISTICS**

2539– Housing Units

178 – Vacant

**2004– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

April 17, 2004

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**2004– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

June 7, 2004

**2004-PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

March 2, 2004

**2004– STATE PRIMARY**

September 14, 2004

**2004 – STATE ELECTION**

November 2, 2004

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLYMOUTH DIST.**

Christine E. Canavan

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Stephen F. Lynch

**COUNCILOR – 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**

Kelly A. Timilty

**STATE SENATOR**

Brian A. Joyce

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS  
2003**

	Term Elected	Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>		
S. Erick Benson.....	2003	2006

<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2006

<b>SELECTMEN</b>		
Richard J. Freitas.....	2001	2004
Eldon F. Moreira.....	2002	2005
Victor R. Flaherty.....	2003	2006

<b>ASSESSORS</b>		
Gerald Stetson .....	2003	2004
Robert W. Lundin.....	2002	2005
Cheryl A. Smith.....	2003	2006

<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		
James Benson.....	2001	2004
Martha Linden.....	2002	2004
Laura L. Elmore.....	2003	2005
Thomas Driscoll.....	2002	2005
Robert Sullivan.....	2003	2006
Joan Sheedy.....	2003	2006

<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
William McCole.....	2001	2004
Nancy Maloney.....	2001	2004
Marianne Welch-Batstone.....	2002	2005
Kristen M. Gindhart.....	2003	2006
Kathleen Grant.....	2003	2006

<b>WATER COMMISSIONERS</b>		
David L. Churchill.....	2001	2004
John W. Noyes.....	2002	2005
Donald G. Asack.....	2003	2006



**TREE WARDEN**

Christopher D. Iannitelli.....	2003	2006
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**CONSTABLES**

Raymond L. Silva.....	2001	2004
Walter Thayer.....	2001	2004

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004
Jerry D. Lawrence.....	2003	2005
Anne Bergstrom.....	2003	2006

**PLANNING BOARD**

Anthony Kinahan.....	2002	2004
Howard Anderson.....	2000	2005
Hugh Hurley.....	2001	2006
Gerald Stetson.....	2002	2007
Grete Bohannon.....	2003	2008

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Richard J. Freitas.....	1999	2004
John Cruz.....	2000	2005
Marion L. Leonard.....	2001	2006
Raymund Rogers.....	2003	2008
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2008

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**ADMINISTRATOR**

Elizabeth D. Faricy

**ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE**

Dr. Robert H. White, School Superintendent  
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS**

Jeni Dwyer  
George Mather

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Leonard T. Hunt.....	2003	2004
James Henderson.....	2001	2005
William E. Lucini.....	2001	2006
John DeCosta, Jr.....	2002	2007
Armen Amerigian.....	2003	2008
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	2003	2008
Associate Members:		
Marian Spencer.....	2001	2004

**BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE**

Conservation Commission	Historical Commission
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**BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**  
Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE**  
Vacant

**BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**  
Richard J. Freitas, Designee

**BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Paul Stringham

**BYLAW COMMITTEE**

Grete Bohannon	Peter Morini	Richard Freitas
Richard Krugger	David Lacy	William Lucini

**ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**  
Vacancy

**CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

	Appointed	Term Expires
Donald Miller.....	2001	2004
Vacancy.....	2001	2005
Peter Turner.....	2002	2005
Vacancy.....	2003	2005
Richard Domingos.....	2003	2006
Michael D. Feresten.....	2003	2006

**CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

**COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John Duggan	Joyce Francis	Elizabeth Faricy
Paul Golder	Richard Krugger	Donna Larson
Raymund Rogers	Ed Sarro	Beth-Roll Smith

**CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Donna Larson

**ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Jacqueline Lee

**CONSERVATION AGENT**

Patricia Cassidy

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Howard W. Hayward.....	2001	2004
Richard Palin.....	2002	2005
Winfield R. Weatherby.....	2002	2005
Joseph G. Gindhart...(resigned).....	2002	2005
Joseph Souza.....	2003	2006

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Frank Nelson, Jr.....	2001	2004
George Massey.....	2001	2004
Henry Bishop.....	2002	2005
James McGuigan.....	2002	2005
Virginia Nolan.....	2003	2006
Ruth Emberg Johnson.....	2003	2006
Anna Brown.....	2003	2006
Virginia Michael.....	2003	2006
David Cohen.....	2003	2006

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Kathleen Massey.....	2001	2004
Linda Kurinskas.....	2001	2004
Lorraine Mardo.....	2001	2004
Kathleen Donoghue.....	2003	2004
Carolyn Ritucci.....	2002	2005
Deborah Tisdale.....	2002	2005

**DRURY BELL COMMITTEE**

Richard J. Freitas	Eldon F. Moreira	Victor R. Flaherty
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**ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Mary Harrington Graf

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Leonard T. Hunt

**ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Ronald P. Snell



Joseph Souza	<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b> Harold Hallberg	Hugh Hurley
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George Richardson	<b>FIELD DRIVERS</b> Howard A. Anderson	Vacant
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

**FIRE CHIEF**  
Leonard T. Hunt

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
Leonard T. Hunt

Virginia T. Michael	<b>HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE</b> Ryan Kincade Leonard Hunt	Grace Bjorklund
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**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**  
Leonard T. Hunt

Raymund Rogers Vacancy	<b>HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> Phyllis Bickford Vacancy	Paul Golder Vacancy
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<b>HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN</b>		
Joan McAndrew.....	2001	2004
Vacancy.....		2005
Vacancy.....		

Thomas B. MacQuinn	<b>HERRING WARDEN</b> Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy	Joseph Souza, Deputy
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<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>		
Francine Sheedy.....	2001	2004
John Newell.....	2001	2004
Ann Harrington.....	2002	2005
Katharine Turner.....	2002	2005
Ann Marie Sheedy.....	2003	2006
Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio.....	2003	2006
Gregory Sheedy.....	2003	2006
Noreen D'Andrea.....	2003	2006

<b>INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION</b>		
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....	1999	2004
Vacancy.....	2001	2006
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	2002	2007
Robert DeMarino.....	2003	2008
<b>Advisory Committee:</b>		
Vacancy.....		2005
Vacancy.....		2005

## Bruce Holmquist

## SUB-COMMITTEES

## HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmitt – Fred Hartblay – Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

## MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz

## MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist  
Eldon Moreira

## MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Irene Churchill.....	2001	2004
Linda Hambly.....(resigned).....	2002	2005
Craig Harding.....	2002	2005
Barbara Roulstone.....	2002	2006

## MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Marco Barile.....	2002	2004
John Bottini.....	2001	2004
Richard Freitas.....	2001	2004
Thomas Kilpatrick.....	2002	2005
Victor Flaherty.....	2002	2005
James Enos.....	2003	2004
Beth Roll Smith.....	2003	2006

**MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Scott Weatherbee

## O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

David Cohen, Delegate  
Mary Harrington Graf, Delegate

**OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate..... 2001      2004

**OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.**

Virginia Michael, Delegate  
Virginia Nolan, Alternate

**OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate      Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Howard W. Hayward	Vacancy
Jac MacDonald	Jody Driscoll
Beth Miltner	Vacancy
Vacancy	Vacancy
Walter Healy	Vacancy
Victoria Benea	Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli	Beth Roll Smith

**PARKING CLERK**

Richard J. Freitas

**PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT**

Christopher Iannitelli..... 2001      2004

**PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

Joseph Donovan

**POLICE CHIEF**

Robert W. Kominsky

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE**

Eldon F. Moreira

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

John S. Newell, III  
Vacancies

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Jerry D. Lawrence.....	2003	2004
Janet Merritt.....	2003	2005
Francis J. Boyd.....	2003	2006
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2006

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS**

Herbert A. Wolfer



**SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Frank W. Nelson  
Eldon F. Moreira  
George Massey

Mary H Graf  
Donald Miller  
Victor Flaherty  
Leonard Hunt

Richard Freitas  
Hugh Hurley  
Albert Salvador

**SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Robert W. Kominsky  
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.

Armen Amerigian

Kevin Conway  
Richard McMahon

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Raymond L. Silva  
Robert Smith  
Walter Thayer  
Donald Jenness – Herring Warden

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Thomas C. Green

**TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE**

Marianne Lorrain

Kevin Kelley

Ethel T. Fisher, Honorary

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Anitra Muhammad

**TOWN COUNCIL**

John P. Lee

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Thomas MacQuinn  
Christopher Iannitelli

Keith Hahl  
Vacant

**TOWN PARK COMMITTEE**

Vacancy  
Christopher Iannitelli

Marian MacDonald  
Jerry Lawrence

Christopher Werner  
Jac MacDonald

**TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Christopher Iannitelli

Christopher Cross  
Susan Cross

Jac MacDonald

**TOWN WEIGHER**

Officer Michael Cummings

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

John G. Duggan

**VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT**

Leonard Graf III

**VETERANS AGENT**

Armen Amerigian

**WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Barry Meltzer  
Christopher Iannitelli  
Jac MacDonald

Howard Hayward  
Charles Johnson  
Eldon Moreira

Marlene Howell  
Jerry D. Lawrence  
Gregory Sheedy

**WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Victoria Bena	Richard Krugger	Emidio DiVirgili (exofficio)
Marguerite Morse	Thomas Green	Howard Hayward
Jack Hughes		Daniel West

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL**

Richard Krugger, Jr.

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Albert K. Greiner

**ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR**

Kevin S. Greiner

**WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Leonard T. Hunt, Director  
Robert Kominsky, Deputy  
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy  
Ronald Snell, Deputy

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

**COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joanna Savage	Marion Loughman	Henry Bishop
Paul Sheedy		Michael Manugian

**STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

Raymond L. Silva		Robert L. Kellie
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Matthew Albanese.....	2002	2004
Joseph Ritucci.....	2001	2004
Richard Heath.....	2001	2004
Pamela Humphreys.....	2002	2005
Robert L. Smith.....	2002	2005
Scott Weatherbee.....	2002	2005
Wade Estabrooks.....	2003	2006
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS.....	2003	2006
Sandra White.....	2003	2006

**MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION**

William Pope	John F. Bottini, Jr.	Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas	Warren Sederberg	David Gill
Jeffrey Russell	Thomas Kilpatrick	Victor Flaherty

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

**INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

Lee Anderson	Howard A. Anderson
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**BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN**

Dr. Brian Blanchette

**BURIAL AGENTS**

Marie Eccles

Nancy L. Morrison

Bruce Holmquist

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE  
CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT****DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF**

Richard W. Gibson

**DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS**

Paul R. Lanoue

Paul Golder

Allen A. Breer

Michael D. St. George

James J. Rocha

Gerald E. Stetson

Richard W. Gibson

C. Douglas Hill

Kenneth J. May

Anthony V. Ciccolo

Charles T. Hatch

John A. Bartorelli

David L. Niklason

William R. Choate

**LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES**

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	\$ 97,387.89
Transfer Station	66,480.50
Fish and Game Fees	449.50
Dog Licenses and fines	6,055.00
Non-criminal Fines	2,025.00
Passport processing fees	8,770.00
Misc. receipts	25,818.79
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	\$206,986.68
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	\$ 6,805.45
Total	\$213,792.13

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## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2003 BIRTHS

#### JANUARY

- 14 Charles Raymond Braga....Joseph J. Braga & Colette A. Martineau  
30 Sean Patrick Crowley....Timothy A. Crowley & Maureen M. Brown

#### FEBRUARY

- 5 Katarina Helena Sousa....Mario J. Sousa & Nina E. Eliasson  
13 Jared Timothy Zeidman....Bruce D. Zeidman & Kelly Ann Vieira  
13 Jacob Douglas Zeidman....Bruce D. Zeidman & Kelly Ann Vieira  
14 Victoria Adria Grace Norville....Keith A. Norville & Deborah Ann Pooler  
20 Emily Anne Nowlin....Scott A. Nowlin & Denise E. Ahearn

#### MARCH

- 1 Joseph Edward LaRosa....Scott M. LaRosa & Susan A. Corrado  
2 Erin Cassidy Smith....Christian H. Smith & April L. Anderson  
4 Michael James Balboni..... Thomas F. Balboni & Kathleen M. Manning  
4 John William Balboni.... Thomas F. Balboni & Kathleen M. Manning  
4 Jonathan Nelson Robichaud....Scott N. Robichaud & Nicole M. Nadeau  
9 Sarah Michelle Hardiman....George G. Hardiman & Michelle A Lucini  
10 Aidan Robert Wells....David B. Wells & Laura Jean Wedge  
12 Myles Stevens Lawson....David A. Lawson & Donna M. Stevens  
13 Lauren Paige Mitcheson....James W. Mitcheson & Laurie Anne Gwozoz  
31 Josiah Nathanael Marshall....Joseph M. Marshall & Melissa S. Ridings

#### APRIL

- 7 Jason Edward Baker ....Jason M. Baker & Melissa L. Medairos  
10 James Douglas Wabrek....Paul J. Wabrek & Donna L. Spinelli  
15 Benjamin Elias Sarantopoulos....Michael J. Sarantopoulos &  
Lynne M. Curley  
15 Alexandra Lee Sarras....Steve M. Sarras & Rhonda L. Dibacco

#### MAY

- 5 Paul Michael McCafferty....Paul E. McCafferty & Kristin F. Cogswell  
5 Hunter James Pedretti....James E. Pedretti Jr. & Karyn M. Turley  
9 Glen Michael Kjelgaard....James L. Kjelgaard & Marie T. Tardanico  
10 Daniel Patrick Galvin Jr.....Daniel P. Galvin & Laura A. Rizzitano  
17 Devin Galvao Mendes....Manuel R. Mendes & Izilda G. Galvao

#### JUNE

- 3 Megan Antonette Bonarrigo....Michael J. Bonarrigo & Joyce C. Chua  
3 Stephanie Rose Brodil....Robert D. Brodil & Susan L. Cascio  
3 Sidharth Wadhwa....Navneet Wadhwa & Jyoti Babbar  
8 Ava Jacqueline Bisbee....Andrew E. Bisbee & Lisa M. Choate

## JUNE (cont.)

- 11 Marissa Elise Olivier....Joseph A. Olivier Jr. & Jill M. Kelly  
17 Hannah Grace Edlund....Nicholas N. Edlund & Apryl M. Stith  
24 Kailyn Michelle Gale....Michael R. Gale & Kari L. Duff  
24 Katie Jean Patrick....Kenneth W. Patrick Jr. & Lisa M. Corbett  
25 Elisabeth Rachel Smith....Robert T. Smith Jr. & Sarah M. Goldman

## JULY

- |    |                               |  |
|----|-------------------------------|--|
| 4  | William Joshua Maider Jr....  | William J. Maider & Kristen L. Lyons             |
| 10 | Ashlee Elizabeth Demolles.... | Edward C. Demolles Jr.<br>& Rebeckah P. Howard   |
| 10 | Camille Marie Fleuette.....   | Remi P. Fleuette & Kelly Walker Walker           |
| 27 | Marino Anthony Ciccolo....    | Anthony V. Ciccolo & Kelly Ann Lange             |
| 28 | Benjamin Pummell Curtis.....  | Philip John Curtis Jr. & Kimberley A.<br>Pummell |
| 30 | Shea Andrew Perkins.....      | Stephen P. Perkins & Tracey R. Rooney            |

## AUGUST

- 5 Angelo Christian A. Deluca...James H. Deluca & Maria Shirly Asenas  
6 Riley Francis Shea....Michael E. Shea & Joan F. Slack  
19 Mark Anthony Spacco II....Mark A. Spacco & Shanen Syunghee Kim  
23 Ryan Thomas Hulme....Timothy J. Hulme & Donna J. Walmsley  
28 Mackenzie Leigh Cobb....Wayne D. Cobb & Patricia Ann Wilson  
30 Kaytlin Cassidy Hatch....Christopher M. Hatch & Jessica L. Flanagan

## SEPTEMBER

- 12 Lilah Dianne Bellamy....Daniel M. Bellamy & Susan L. Matthew  
12 Keira Lynne Gleasure....Patrick P. Gleasure & Rechelle L. Scheren  
18 Arianna Patricia Georgantas....Peter Georgantas &  
Maryanne Zoumboulis  
19 Neko Anthony Bilbo....Paul G. Bilbo & Marie P. Nyhan  
22 William Christian Finn....Leo C. Finn & Melissa Elaine Coupe  
24 Andrew Robert Terrian....Jason A. Terrian & Paula A. Whatley  
24 Emma Lyn McMahon....Paul E. McMahon Jr. & Nicole Jenice Ross  
28 Mila Christine Broadmeadow....David C. Broadmeadow  
& Yarlelis Matos

## OCTOBER

- |    |   |
|----|---|
| 11 | Matthew James Sullivan....Matthew J. Sullivan & Susan Marie McDonough |
| 15 | Amanda Rose Callahan....Timothy S. Callahan & Michelle A. Doyle       |
| 20 | Sophie Katherine Roy....William C. Roy & Lori A. Galante              |
| 28 | Josh Bradford Piesco....Bradford W. Piesco & Marie L. Pistorino       |
| 31 | Emily Spring Alger....Jeremy S. Alger & Christine A. O'Connell        |

## NOVEMBER

- 2 Jacqueline Elizabeth Wright....Dennis J. Wright & Allison M. Bissett

## NOVEMBER (cont.)

- 7 Nolan Michael Dorley....Joseph A.Dorley III & Kelly Ann Tammany
- 11 Sophia Davis Nelson....Christopher E. Nelson & Jennifer Davis Davis
- 12 Zachary Michael Bellody....Michael L. Bellody & Jennifer Regina  
Iacobucci
- 13 Makenna Reed Walsh....Daniel P. Walsh & Kimberly A. Reed
- 24 Nicole Mary Black....Adam N. Black & Farrah R. Loney
- 27 Ryan Dean Lebaron....Richard M. Lebaron Jr. & Rebecca S. Mcphee

## DECEMBER

- 11 Landon James Bailey....James B. Bailey & Staci B.Butler
- 12 Colin Patrick Shamey....Kevin A. Shamey & Bonnie J. Reynolds
- 13 Eoin Sean Millerick....Alan J.Millerick & Ann Carmel Robinson
- 14 Owen Thomas Green....Jacob J. Green & Tina K. Kelly
- 15 Matthew John Outerbridge....John J. Outerbridge Jr. & Julie A. Bates
- 29 Celine E. Souaidan....Elias I. Souaidan & Carole K. Khazaal



## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### 2003 DEATHS

#### JANUARY

1	Manuel S. Domingoes
2	Rose D'Angelo
3	Eleanor F. Doonan
11	Michael R. Florio
13	Bernice M. McCann
13	Dora Urkin
13	Adele Wells
12	Robert L. Keating, Sr.
14	Julio V. Miglierini
15	Diana Marie DeMeo
20	Charles Edward Mooney
21	James Francis George
21	Carmella Preston
23	Charles H. Carey
25	Frederick J. Ballantyne
26	George C. Austin, Jr.
27	Alexander E. Cheromcka
27	Anastasia M. Smith
29	Shirley M. Mallory
30	Margaret Greene

#### FEBRUARY

1	Grace M. McGuire
1	Maria J. Soares
19	Catherine Croce
25	Gordon M. Lovell
25	Mary K. McSweeney
28	Margaret Rose Burke

#### MARCH

2	Nina M. Rohnstrom
3	Dorothy Holmes
5	Raymond L. Menard
6	Beatrice C. Lombardo
7	Gertrude E. Ford
12	Gerald H. Boudreau
13	Barbara L. Anderson
14	Helen C. Gallagher
21	Anna L. Malm

- 19 Charles A. Gallerani Jr.
- 28 Norene A. Kelliher
- 28 Phyllis B. Krafton
- 30 Marion L. Johnson
- 30 George A. Vomvoris

#### AUGUST

- 2 Helen Fontinha
- 7 Cecelia C. Chappell
- 8 Daniel Lopes
- 9 Paul R. Brown
- 9 Marjorie V. Wheatley
- 11 Stefanie Urban
- 12 Harry J. Piepiora
- 16 Barbara Hynes
- 17 Audrey Louise Johnson
- 19 David J. Bowman
- 19 Marjorie Jean Rounds
- 19 Rosemary Ann Johnson
- 21 Roberta C. Stetson
- 22 Louise E. Blye
- 25 Agnes Miller

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Christina Tosches
- 5 Catherine F. Keswick
- 8 Margaret I. Cogswell
- 9 Luisa Irene Stampfi
- 10 Robert Charles Williams
- 17 Miriam Laura Parent
- 18 Beulah B. Alger
- 20 Agnes L. Ahearn
- 27 Edward F. Handy
- 28 Romano Ralli

#### OCTOBER

- 1 Emily I. Gummow
- 6 Josephine M. Howard
- 7 Shirley E. Alger
- 8 Charles A. Foley
- 9 Juanita Theresa Silva
- 9 Stuart W. Silva Sr.
- 10 Jason Waterman Shurtleff
- 10 Angelina M. Silva
- 17 Charles E. Murphy

- 19 Rosanna Ferreira
- 22 Stephen F. Thomas
- 25 Rose M. Kirkcaldy
- 28 Martin Christopher Flaherty

#### NOVEMBER

- 3 Shirley M. Pratt
- 15 Gladys E. Kemp
- 18 Claire M. Martin
- 19 William J. McCann Jr.
- 20 Gloria C. Petti
- 21 Leo J. Lehtonen
- 24 Edith E. Bemis

#### DECEMBER

- 5 Elizabeth A. Howe
- 7 Gerald E. Morrissey
- 10 Dorothy Knapp
- 11 Allan H. Anderson
- 14 Anna Lundquist
- 17 Audrey L. Kimpton
- 19 Leno Volta
- 19 Donald G. MacHardy
- 25 Charles E. Peabody
- 25 Gladys I. Olson
- 28 Irene R. Willis
- 28 John J. Hannigan

#### 1994 LATE RECORDING

#### SEPTEMBER

- 7 Lillian I. Andrea



## **TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

### **2003 MARRIAGES**

#### **JANUARY**

- 25 Thaddeus Brendan Donovan of Mansfield & Katie Marie Brown of  
West Bridgewater

#### **FEBRUARY**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **MARCH**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **APRIL**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **MAY**

- 2 Stephen Michael Heffernan of West Bridgewater & Lauren Marie Botelho of  
West Bridgewater  
10 John A. Higgins of Brockton & Michelle Renee Lane of Brockton  
31 Jonathan Charles Richards of S. Easton & Melinda Marie Gagnon of  
S.Easton

#### **JUNE**

- 6 Peter Leo Moroni of West Bridgewater & Maura Kathleen Keating of  
Quincy  
7 Jeremiah Stevens Erb of Bridgewater & Angie Lee Lajoie of Bridgewater  
8 John J. Arnold of West Bridgewater & Amy Marie Guiver  
West Bridgewater  
14 Fred David Sigren of West Bridgewater & Janet Marie Suplee of  
Dorchester  
22 Richard Alfred Chisholm Jr. of West Bridgewater & Amanda Beth McNiff of  
West Bridgewater

#### **JULY**

**NO MARRIAGES RECORDED**

#### **AUGUST**

- 2 David M. Altrich of West Bridgewater & Tracy L. Andrews of  
West Bridgewater  
2 Eric Edward Hackenson of West Bridgewater & Lori J. Reese of  
West Bridgewater  
17 Donald Wayne Mead Jr. of West Bridgewater & Stephanie Marie Bennington of  
Cincinnati, OH.  
23 Gregory Willis Bourne of Charlestown & Nancy Cordery of Charlestown  
24 Drew David Errington Jr. of West Bridgewater & Leeann Joy Larson of  
West Bridgewater

## SEPTEMBER

- 6 Erik Justin Hohengasser of West Bridgewater & Laura Catharine Clement of West Bridgewater
- 6 David Robert Sigren of West Bridgewater & Diane Marie Kenney of West Bridgewater
- 7 John A. Bailey III of West Bridgewater & Rachel Eve Pryharski of West Bridgewater
- 14 Ronnie A. May of West Bridgewater & Christine Lynn Deandrade of West Bridgewater
- 19 Thomas Michael Bates of West Bridgewater & Colleen Kearns Conroy of Randolph
- 20 Thomas A. Fuller of West Bridgewater & Christy S. Eaton of West Bridgewater
- 26 Richard William Lincoln of West Bridgewater & Tracey Ann Ullathorne of Monponsett
- 27 Lawrence G. Lyons of West Bridgewater & Amy E. Luther of West Bridgewater

## OCTOBER

- 11 Shandon Scott Gillis of West Bridgewater & Sara Soibehn Heath of West Bridgewater
- 11 Shawn E. Holleran of Brockton & Lauren M. Silvia of Brockton
- 25 Jonathan P. Dextraze of Acushnet & Dana Marie Guldner of Acushnet
- 25 Michael Jude Rec of Brockton & Jenny L. Chaves of Brockton

## NOVEMBER

- 8 James Edwin Moore Jr. of S. Weymouth & Susan I. Burley of West Bridgewater

## DECEMBER

- 6 Steven Anthony Ramalho of W. Bridgewater & Andrea Frances Roy of West Bridgewater
- 17 Justin Richard Wisnaskas of Bridgewater & Nancy Ramirez of Bridgewater

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 19, 2003

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 19, 2003. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and the by-laws of the Town posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on April 7, 2003.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2500 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed a total of 1,184 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Marilyn Raleigh, Beverly Reynolds, Helen Cronin, Sandy Sullivan, Checkers; Anna Brown, Tally.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Joan McAndrew, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, April McDermott, Marion Loughman, Barbara Roulstone, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Anna Fung assisted with disassembling the election equipment after the close of the polls.

The election proceeded as follows:

MODERATOR	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Sven Erick Benson	22 Union St	889
Scattered		9
Blanks		286
Sven Erick Benson declared elected		



TOWN CLERK	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Richard J. Freitas	295 River St	165
William P. McCole	26 Prospect St	82
Nancy L. Morrison	23 Progressive Ave	914
Blanks		23
Nancy L. Morrison declared elected		

SELECTMEN	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Victory Flaherty	430 N. Elm St	831
Scattered		16
Blanks		337
Victor Flaherty declared elected		

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
One Year		
Lisa Domuczicz	123 N. Elm St	455
Gerald Stetson	95 Bryant St	557
Scattered		2
Blanks		170
Gerald Stetson declared elected		

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Donald L. Miller, Jr.	35 Sunset Ave	416
Cheryl A. Smith	5 Apple Ln	659
Scattered		3
Blanks		106
Cheryl Smith declared elected		

LIBRARY TRUSTEES	Vote for One	
Two Years		
Laura L. Elmore	217 N Elm St	27
Charles D. Ashworth, II	62 Progressive Ave	5
Scattered		120
Blanks		1,032
Laura L. Elmore declared elected		

## LIBRARY TRUSTEES

## Vote for Two

Three Years

Joan F. Sheedy	408 Spring St	767
Robert A. Sullivan	11 Milebrook Rd	554
Charles D. Ashworth, II	62 Progressive Ave	306
Scattered		4
Blanks		737

Joan F. Sheedy and Robert Sullivan  
declared elected

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

## Vote for Two

Three Years

Daniel G. West	54 Bedford St	400
Kristen M. Gindhart	9 Keenan St	563
Kathleen Grant	10 Fieldstone Terr	650
Brian H. Lanner	9 Copper Beech Cir	277
Blanks		478

Kristen M. Gindhart and Kathleen Grant  
declared elected

## BOARD OF HEALTH

## Vote for One

Two Years

Jerry D. Lawrence	62 Progressive Ave	789
Scattered		5
Blanks		390

Jerry D. Lawrence declared elected

## BOARD OF HEALTH

## Vote for One

Three Years

Anne Bergstrom	7 Shagbark Rd	458
Scott Lambert	257 W Center St	155
Christopher J. Nardone	24 Tiffany Cir	424
Blanks		147

Anne Bergstrom declared elected

## PLANNING BOARD

## Vote for One

Five Years

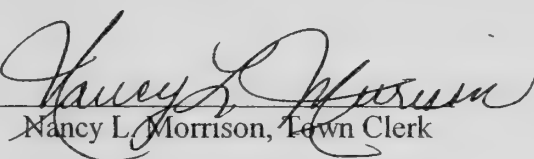
Grete Bohannon	99 Pleasant St	789
Scattered		3
Blanks		392

Grete Bohannon declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Donald G. Asack	79 Forest St	851
Scattered		5
Blanks		328
Donald Asack declared elected		

TREE WARDEN	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Christopher Iannitelli	60 N Main St	948
Scattered		1
Blanks		235
Christopher Iannitelli declared elected		

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Nancy L. Morrison	23 Progressive Ave	957
Scattered		4
Blanks		223
Nancy L. Morrison declared elected		

A true copy, Attest:   
 Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT ARTICLES  
Monday, June 9, 2003 – 7:00 PM  
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in election and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L.Silva on May 28, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rev. William Smith of the Temple Baptist Church gave the invocation. The Girl Scouts presented the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Tammy Osborne sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 125 qualified voters and 18 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

**MOVE:        THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, AND 10, AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT, AS A SINGLE "CONSENT" ARTICLE WITH: THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 6 ESTABLISHED AT \$21,000; THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 7 ESTABLISHED AT \$23,000; THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 8 ESTABLISHED AT \$4,000; THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISHED AT \$5,000; THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISHED AT \$14,000.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 1:    To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

**MOVE:        THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2002 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 2:    To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS  
WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF  
PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JULY 1, 2003.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3:        To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following  
elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF  
THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE  
FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003.**

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>\$ 303</b>	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	<b>\$1,452</b>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$9,307</b>	<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	<b>\$9,456</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$47,297</b>	<b>WATER COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>\$6,545</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>\$ 2,311</b>		

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**UPON VOTE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:35 p.m.

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$17,475,185 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUIRED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$15,681,399 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND THE SUM OF \$1,638,786 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:**

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	Water Dept (4500)	\$1,019,107
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	Fire Dept (2200)	350,000
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund to:	Conservation Com (1710)	6,500
From Assessors' Surplus Overlay <u>Reserve Fund</u> :	Retirement of Debt (7100)	95,000
From Free Cash to:	Retirement of Debt (7100)	168,179
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,638,786</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2003 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$155,000, TO DEFRAY TOWN CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003 AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$21,000 or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE:        THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$21,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 7.     To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$23,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:        THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$23,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- \*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- \*Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY2004 of \$7,500 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2004 OF \$5,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$14,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$14,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenues generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Transportation Program to be used by the School Department to pay necessary expenses to run said program and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$60,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund municipal building repairs approved by the Municipal Building Needs Committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:        MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2004.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 14:     To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:        MOVE THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 15:     To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I of the Southeastern Regional School District Agreement as amended, to provide as follows:

Striking in its entirety, Section I: The Regional School District Committee, and inserting in place thereof the following:

**SECTION I: THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**A.        COMPOSITION**

The Regional School District Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, shall consist of ten members; two members shall be residents and registered voters of the City of Brockton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of East Bridgewater, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Easton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Foxborough, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Norton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Mansfield, one member shall be a resident and registered

voter of the Town of Sharon, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Stoughton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of West Bridgewater. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen/City Council and the school committee, as the case may be, in each of the respective towns and city. For instance, the Sharon Board of Selectmen/City Council and the school committee will appoint the Sharon Committee member.

B. APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES:

Appointment to the District School Committees shall be done as follows:

- (1) No later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year in which an appointment is to be made, the selectmen or city council of a town or city whose seats are up for appointment during that year will post notice of such vacancy in the city or town hall. Notice of the vacancy shall remain posted for at least thirty (30) days.
- (2) Each individual interested in being appointed to the Committee shall submit a written statement of interest to the Board of Selectmen/City Council and school committee of the town or city in which he or she reside no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> during the year in which an appointment is scheduled to be made. The selectmen/city council and school committee will review the statements of interest, conduct interviews of the candidates if they desire, and make their appointment decisions no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.
- (3) Interested applicants must be residents and registered voters of the town or city in which they wish to be appointed in order to be considered for appointment to the Committee.
- (4) Should a mid-term vacancy occur on the Committee, the town or city in which the vacancy occurs need not follow the appointment process set forth herein and may appoint through its board of selectmen or city council a resident and registered voter whom it decides in its discretion would be best suited to act as an interim committee member. Should a mid-term vacancy occur in the positions of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Committee may immediately appoint by majority vote new individuals to fill the position(s) on an interim basis for the duration of the term of the departing officer without following the appointment procedure set forth in Section C (3). In no case, shall any of the positions set forth herein remain vacant for more than thirty (30) days.

C. ORGANIZATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE:



(1) Initial Appointment -- No later than August 31, 2004, each city and/or town represented by the five seats whose term is set to expire in November 2004 shall post a notice in the city and/or town hall notifying the public of the impending vacancy and inviting interested parties to submit a statement of interest to the respective Board of Selectmen/City Council and school committee no later than October 1, 2004. The Selectmen or City Council shall make their appointment as soon as practicable, but in no event later than October 31, 2004. New appointees will typically be sworn in at the first Committee meeting in November 2004 and shall serve a term of four (4) years in duration. The remaining five seats will follow the same appointment process, except such process shall take place in calendar year 2006. The present committee members for the five municipalities who were duly elected in the November 2002 election will continue to hold their seats until 2006.

(2) Subsequent Appointments -- Each term shall be for four (4) years. Subsequent appointments shall be made in the same manner as initial appointments, with postings no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, statements of interest provided no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> and appointment decisions made no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. The individual appointed by the selectmen/city council and school committee shall begin to serve his or her term effective November 1<sup>st</sup>.

(3) Appointment of Officers -- On the date of the first School Committee meeting following the November appointment and every November thereafter, the Committee shall choose by majority voice vote a Chairman for a term of one year from its own membership. At the same meeting, or at any other meeting, the Committee shall choose by majority vote a Treasurer and a Secretary, who may be the same person but who need not be a member of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable all to serve for a term of one year, and describe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place for its regular meetings and provide for the calling of special meetings.

(D) POWER AND DUTIES

The Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by this Agreement and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Chapter 489 of the Acts of 1963, and any amendments thereof or additions thereto, now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law.

(E) QUORUM

The quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Committee, but a number less than the majority may adjourn, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION I OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16B, to reallocate the sum of their required contribution to the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School (the District) in accordance with the District's regional agreement or take any other action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 71, SECTION 16B, TO REALLOCATE THE SUM OF THEIR REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL (THE DISTRICT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT'S REGIONAL AGREEMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$60,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to create a ground water model of the towns' water supply recharge area. Such funds may be used to drill observation wells, purchase equipment, and or hire professional assistance to accomplish this modeling, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO CREATE A GROUND WATER MODEL OF THE TOWN'S WATER SUPPLY RECHARGE AREA. SUCH FUNDS MAY BE USED TO DRILL OBSERVATION WELLS, PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND OR HIRE PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MODELING.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 19:    To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:35 P.M., PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

### **WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Monday, June 9, 2003- 7:15 p.m.**

**West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on May 22, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. With 125 qualified voters and 18 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds to the appropriate budgets due to settlement of the clerical union contract, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF \$ 3,676 from the INSURANCES BUDGET (1930) TO THE APPROPRIATE BUDGETS DUE TO SETTLEMENT OF THE CLERICAL UNION CONTRACT:**

<b>TO:</b>	<b>Town Accountant (1350)</b>	<b>\$ 475.</b>
	<b>Treasurer/Collector (1450)</b>	<b>\$ 1,600.</b>
	<b>Police (2100)</b>	<b>\$ 1,123.</b>
	<b>Council on Aging (5410)</b>	<b><u>\$ 478.</u></b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,676.</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2003 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$ 231,965 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2003:**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Finance Committee Reserve</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
	<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>8,000</b>
	<b>Cable TV Committee</b>	<b>4,500</b>
	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>1,100</b>

Elections and Registrations	4,500
Insurances	43,242
Town Hall	6,000
Printing of Town Report	3,000
Building Inspector	2,500
Highway Construction	6,500
Street Lighting	5,000
Veterans	2,000
Interest on Short Term Debt	37,750
Benefits	<u>77,873</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 231,965.</b>

<b>TO:</b>	<b>Southeastern Regional School</b>	<b>\$ 130,000</b>
	<b>Snow and Ice</b>	<b>66,365</b>
	<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>4,600</b>
	<b>Town Counsel</b>	<b><u>31,000</u></b>
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 231,965.</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to a retirement account to begin to fund the cost of sick leave and vacation buy back agreements when Town Employees retire in accordance with the provisions of the Plymouth County Retirement System, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

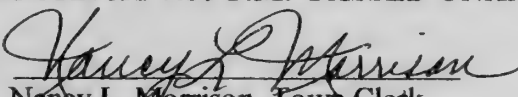
Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town match for a Homeland Security Overtime Program Federal Grant, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM the Dog Officer Budget (2920) the sum of \$2,000 and from the Insurance Budget (1930) the sum of \$500 for a total of \$2,500 AS THE TOWN MATCH FOR A HOMELAND SECURITY OVERTIME PROGRAM FEDERAL GRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 6: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:35 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest:   
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
JULY 31, 2003  
HOWARD SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
7:00 PM**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on July 16, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 52 qualified voters and 7 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to amend the Southeastern Regional Vocational-Technical School's FY04 Appropriation in accordance with the latest certified amount of \$489,131, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE NOT TO AMEND THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATION-TECHNICAL SCHOOL'S FY04 APPROPRIATION OF \$315,000 AS APPROVED AT THE JUNE 9TH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING BUT AFFIRM SUCH APPROPRIATION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY**

An amendment to Article 1 was presented by Eugene Kostecki as follows:

**THAT THE TOWN BE AUTHORIZED TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$413,194 FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ASSESSMENT FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS.**

Upon secret ballot vote, suggested by an unanimous vote from the Board of Selectmen and the body present, the vote was as follows:

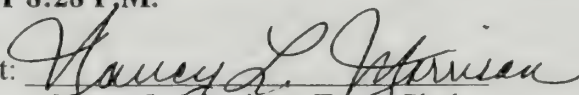
15 YES votes and 34 NO votes to allow the amendment.

**AMENDMENT DECLARED DEFEATED BY A MAJORITY**

Article 2. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**UPON MOTION, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:28 P.M.**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Tuesday, September 30, 2003 -7:00 p.m.  
Howard School Cafeteria  
70 Howard Street**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on September 12, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 31 qualified voters and 4 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a new rescue vehicle.

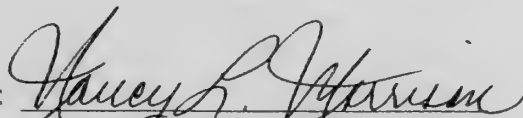
**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$135,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A NEW RESCUE VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE THE TOWN'S 1993 RESCUE VEHICLE WHICH WAS TOTALED IN AN ACCIDENT AND FURTHER VOTE TO USE ANY FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE TOWN IN SETTLEMENT OF ITS OUTSTANDING INSURANCE CLAIM ON SAID 1993 RESCUE VEHICLE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT TO BE SO BORROWED OR TO DEFRAY ANY PORTION OF THE DEBT AND INTEREST PAYMENTS INCURRED ON SUCH LOAN, OR TAKE ANY ACTION RELATIVE THERETO.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To take any action that may legally come before this Town Meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:04 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2003  
West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Auditorium  
7:00 P.M.

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva on January 13, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 79 qualified voters and 7 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to complete the construction and equipping of the Senior Center or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW \$100,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO COMPLETE THE CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE SENIOR CENTER.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip two new cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the two (2) old cruisers in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new F800 Cab and Chassis equipped with a sander and plow for the Highway Department and dispose of one old truck in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to continue to upgrade/replace print and non-print materials for the Library in the Middle/Senior High School to continue implementing the recommendations of the NEASC visiting committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to replace the Rose L. MacDonald School Telephone System or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$13,838 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO REPLACE THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL TELEPHONE SYSTEM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY**



Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase and install ceiling fans in the Howard School or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Town Accountant to continue to implement the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (ask GASB 34) in accordance with State directive or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to complete the reconstruction and furnishing of the second floor of Town Hall into usable office space and meeting rooms or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to continue to upgrade the Fire Department's Radio Equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:                    THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$5,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO CONTINUE TO UPGRADE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S RADIO EQUIPMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 11:            To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-aid construction and maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:                    THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 12:            To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 10, 2002 to appropriate budgets due to settlement of union contracts or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:                    THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM ARTICLE 14 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 10, 2002 TO THE FOLLOWING BUDGETS DUE TO SETTLEMENT OF THE FIRE, POLICE, HIGHWAY/WATER/FORESTRY UNION CONTRACTS.**

<b>TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET #2100</b>	<b>\$39,110</b>
<b>TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET#2200</b>	<b>\$16,000</b>
<b>TO THE HIGHWAY BUDGET #4210</b>	<b>\$13,663</b>
<b>TO THE FORESTRY BUDGET #2940</b>	<b>\$ 6,227</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 13:            To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the cost of the Town's penalty at the Federal Beede Superfund Site in Plaistow, NH or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:                    THAT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ARTICLE BE  
                              POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 7, 2003, THE DATE OF THE  
                              ADJOURNMENT OF THIS SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 14:                To see if the Town will vote to accept the following changes to  
                              Town Clerk fees as authorized by MGL Chapter 262, Section 34,  
                              Clauses 1-79:

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1988 Fee</u>	<u>Proposed 2003 Fee</u>
(1)	For filing and indexing assignment for the benefit of creditors	10.00	10.00
(11)	For entering amendment of a record of the birth of a child born out of wedlock subsequently legitimized.	10.00	20.00
(12)	For correcting errors in a record of birth	10.00	20.00
(13)	For furnishing certificate a birth	5.00	10.00
(13A)	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of birth.	4.00	8.00
(14)	For entering delayed record of birth	10.00	20.00
(20)	For filing certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his real name	20.00	40.00
(21)	For filing by a person conducting business under any title other than his real name of a statement of change of his residence, or of his discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from, or change of location of, such business.	10.00	20.00
(22)	For furnishing certified copy of certificate of person conducting business under any title other than his real name or a statement by such person of his discontinuance, retirement or withdrawal from such business.	5.00	5.00
(24)	For recording the name and address, the date and number of the certificates issued to a person registered for the practice of podiatry in the Commonwealth.	20.00	20.00
(29)	For correcting errors in a record of death.	10.00	20.00
(30)	For furnishing a certificate of death.	5.00	10.00
(30A)	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of death.	4.00	8.00
(42)	For entering notice of intention of marriage and issuing certificates thereof.	15.00	25.00
(43)	For entering certificate of marriage filed by persons married out of the Commonwealth.	5.00	10.00
(44)	For issuing certificate of marriage.	5.00	10.00
(44A)	For furnishing an abstract copy of a record of marriage.	4.00	8.00
(45)	For correcting errors in a record of marriage.	10.00	20.00
(54)	For recording power of attorney.	10.00	20.00



(57)	For recording certificate of registration granted to a person to engage in the practice of optometry or issuing a certified copy thereof.	20.00	20.00
(58)	For recording the name of the owner of a certificate of registration as a physician or osteopath in the Commonwealth.	20.00	20.00
(62)	For recording order granting locations of poles piers, abutments or conduits, alterations or transfers thereof, and increase of number of wires and cable or attachments under the provisions of Sec. 22 of Chapter 166.	40.00 flat rate	40.00
(66)	For examining records or papers relating to birth, marriage or deaths upon the application of any person, the actual expense thereof, but not less than	10.00 add'l streets	10.00
(67)	For copying any manuscript or record pertaining	5.00	10.00
(69)	For receiving and filing a complete inventory of all items to be included in a "closing out sale" etc.	5.00 per page	5.00
		10.00 first page	10.00
		2.00 add'l page	2.00
(75)	For filing a copy of written instrument or declaration of trust by the trustees of an association or trust, or any amendment thereof as provided by Sec. 2, Chapter 182.	20.00	20.00
(78)	For recording deed of lot or plot in a public place or cemetery.	10.00	10.00
(79)	Recording any other documents.	10.00 first page	10.00
		2.00 add'l pages	2.00
	Voter's Certificate.	5.00	8.00

Or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES TO TOWN CLERK FEES AS AUTHORIZED BY MGL CHAPTER 262, SECTION 34 CLAUSES 1-79, AND AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to fund repairs to Well #1 on Cyr Street or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$8,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO FUND REPAIRS TO WELL #1 ON CYR STREET.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to fund repairs to the Water Department backhoe or take any action

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$3,315 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO FUND REPAIRS TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT BACKHOE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the Parco valve at the Norman Avenue Well site or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$2,501.21, TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO REPLACE THE PARCO VALVE AT THE NORMAN AVENUE WELL SITE.**

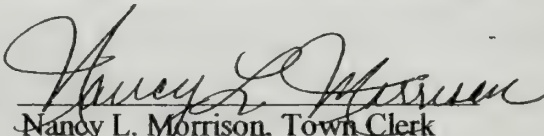
**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 18: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADJOURN THIS TOWN MEETING TO APRIL 7, 2003 AT 7:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY AT 8:02 P.M.**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
April 7, 2003  
West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Auditorium  
Continuation of the January 27, 2003 Special Town Meeting  
7:00 P.M.

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva on January 13, 2003.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 59 qualified voters and 5 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to complete the construction and equipping of the Senior Center or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money into the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip two new cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the two (2) old cruisers in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$54,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP TWO NEW CRUISERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF THE TWO (2) OLD CRUISERS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new F800 Cab and Chassis equipped with a sander and plow for the Highway Department and dispose of one old truck in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$75,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW F800 CAB AND CHASSIS EQUIPPED WITH A SANDER AND PLOW FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND DISPOSE OF ONE OLD TRUCK IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to continue to upgrade/replace print and non-print materials for the Library in the Middle/Senior High School to continue implementing the recommendations of the NEASC visiting committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to replace the Rose L. MacDonald School Telephone System or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase and install ceiling fans in the Howard School or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Town Accountant to continue to implement the requirements of the Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 34 (aka GASB 34) in accordance with State directive or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF \$7,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT TO CONTINUE TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD STATEMENT NUMBER 34 (AKA GASB 34) IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE DIRECTIVE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to complete the reconstruction and furnishing of the second floor of Town Hall into usable office space and meeting rooms or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$100,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO COMPLETE THE RECONSTRUCTION AND FURNISHING OF THE SECOND FLOOR OF TOWN HALL INTO USABLE OFFICE SPACE AND MEETING ROOMS.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to continue to upgrade the Fire Department's Radio Equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-aid construction and maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$157,784 IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE-AID ROADWORK CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS PART OF THE TOWN'S ALLOCATION AS APPROVED IN CHAPTER 246 OF THE ACTS OF 2002 FOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 90 SECTION 34(2)(a).**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds from Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 10, 2002 to appropriate budgets due to settlement of union contracts or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the cost of the Town's penalty at the Federal Beede Superfund Site in Plaistow, NH or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to accept the following changes to Town Clerk fees as authorized by MGL Chapter 262, Section 34, Clauses 1-79:

<u>Clause</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1988 Fee</u>	<u>Proposed 2003 Fee</u>
(1)	For filing and indexing assignment for the benefit of creditors	10.00	10.00
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(13)	For furnishing certificate a birth	5.00	10.00
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(20)	For filing certificate of a person conducting business under any title other than his real name	20.00	40.00
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(24)	For recording the name and address, the date and number of the certificates issued to a person registered for the practice of podiatry in the Commonwealth.	20.00	20.00
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(67)	For copying any manuscript or record pertaining	5.00	10.00
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(75)	For filing a copy of written instrument or declaration of trust by the trustees of an association or trust, or any amendment thereof as provided by Sec. 2, Chapter 182.	20.00	20.00
(78)	For recording deed of lot or plot in a public place or cemetery.	10.00	10.00
(79)	Recording any other documents.	10.00 first page	10.00

Voter's Certificate.

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Or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to fund repairs to Well #1 on Cyr Street or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to fund repairs to the Water Department backhoe or take any action relative thereto.

**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Water Surplus a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the Parco valve at the Norman Avenue Well site or take any action relative thereto.

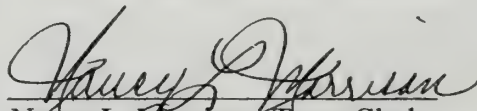
**PASSED AT JANUARY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.**

Article 18: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADJOURN.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 P.M., PASSED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

CHIEF OF POLICE  
ROBERT W. KOMINSKY

TELEPHONE  
(508) 586-2525

FAX  
(508) 894-1295



*Town of West Bridgewater*  
*Police Department*  
*West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379*



March 30, 2004

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police for the Year 2003.

Like all other town departments the police are forced with doing more with less funding. The department has seen a 10% (1,049) increase in call for service in 2003, but only a 35 increase in funding. Fortunately we have been able to avoid any reductions in staffing. Level staffing has allowed the department to maintain the high level of service that your police officers have strived to provide the community.

I would like to thank the officers of the West Bridgewater Police Department for their hard work and dedication to duty that they have shown by doing more with less.

I herewith submit the Annual Report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2003.



Homicides.....	0
Larceny.....	149
Arrest (Total).....	578
Protective Custody.....	54
Assault.....	18
Robbery.....	3
Breaks (Residential & Commercial).....	45
Rapes.....	3
Attempted Rapes.....	1
Indecent Assaults & Battery.....	5
Operating Under the Influence.....	50
Open & Gross Lewdness.....	0
Child Abuse.....	10
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Issued.....	29
Domestic Abuse Calls.....	28

MISCELLANEOUS

Officers Assaulted.....	1
Vehicles Stolen.....	15
Vehicles Recovered.....	29
Vandalism.....	82
Alarms Answered.....	819
911 Calls Received.....	1,461
Total calls for Service.....	11,388

TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....	312
Fatal.....	2
Non Investigated Accidents.....	224

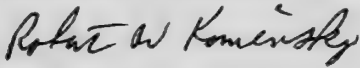
CITATIONS

Warnings.....	527
Civil Violations.....	917

Arrest.....	209
Criminal Violations.....	343
Total Violations.....	2148

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2003

Pistol Permit & F.I.D.issued.....	\$2,647.00
License to Sell Firearm & Ammunition.....	60
Receipts from copies of Police Reports.....	\$2,030.50
Parking Fines.....	\$ 1,585.71
Brockton District Court fines.....	\$60,987.27
Fines from Registry of Motor Vehicles	<u>\$ 44,972.00</u>
Total Fines Collected.....	\$107,544.98
10% Surcharge Collected from Outside details.....	\$7,578.57
Alarm Billing Collected.....	\$ 6,500.00
Total Monies Collected.....	\$121,623.55

Respectfully Submitted,  
  
 Robert W. Kominsky,  
 Chief

CHIEF OF POLICE  
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*Town of West Bridgewater*  
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March 30, 2004

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2003.

License Dogs	923
Number taken to court for unlicensed Dogs	51
Number of Animal Related Calls	238
Dog fines collected	\$2,025.00
Kennel Costs	\$1,900.00
Animal Officer Cost	\$ 930.00
Court fines collected	\$1,081.00

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert W. Kominsky*

Robert W. Kominsky  
Chief

RWK/jma





OFFICE OF  
LEONARD T. HUNT  
CHIEF

# TOWN of WEST BRIDGEWATER

## FIRE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my fourteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2003.

### Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fifteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, six (6) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

### Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drive (government surplus) pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 1993 Ford/Horton (presently out of service after an accident), the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

### Statistical Report

During 2003, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand six hundred and one (2601) incidents, almost a **10%** increase, again, over last years statistics. Of this figure, one thousand three hundred and forty nine (1349) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand two hundred and fifty two (1252), were for emergency medical services. For the second year in a row, we responded to slightly more fire calls than ambulance calls, and for the sixth year in a row, our run statistics continued to increase. Between January and December, the ambulance returned just over three hundred and forty eight thousand dollars (\$348,000.00) in revenue.

## **Training**

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson and Captain Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. Four (4) Saturday drills are held for all members of the department. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

## **Inspections**

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

## **Requests and Recommendations**

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will continue to move us closer toward my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, we are rapidly approaching the point where we can no longer rely on off duty personnel to respond when needed. When a "second" incident happens, and there is only one firefighter left in the station because the other two are at another incident, valuable time is lost waiting for additional personnel to respond from home. We must provide at least "minimum" staffing to handle the average daily workload. As you can see by our year end statistics, we have again, for the sixth year in a row, increased the number of incidents we respond to by at least 10%.

I am also requesting this year that we replace our 1977 Dodge pick-up truck. This vehicle was originally obtained through a federal government surplus property program, which no longer exists. My intention would be to replace both this vehicle and the 1996 Paramedic response vehicle (a former police cruiser) with "pick-up truck" type vehicles which, for a fire department, are much more versatile.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Towns Administrator Elizabeth Faricy, and confidential secretaries Donna Larson and Jackie Lee for their continued support of this office.

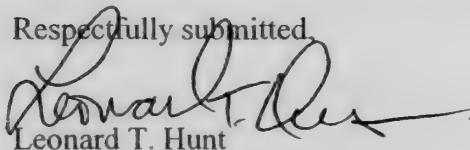
Along these same lines, I need to say thank you to Highway Superintendent Tom Green, Highway Foreman Bill Kovatis, and the Highway Department staff for their excellent cooperation with this department. On numerous occasions over the last year, they have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help this department in all kinds of situations. From equipment maintenance to supplying extra manpower when we just needed a "few extra hands" at the scene of an incident, they were always there when we needed them and should be publicly acknowledged. This department will always be grateful.

I must also mention that Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson were instrumental in creating the "September 11<sup>th</sup>" tribute in front of the fire station.

I must also express my sincere appreciation to my own secretary, Dawne Holyoke, who keeps the ever changing demands on my office on an even keel.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard T. Hunt", written over the typed name.

Leonard T. Hunt

Chief





**Town of West Bridgewater**  
OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS  
WEST BRIDGEWATER, Massachusetts 02379

JOHN W. NOYES  
DONALD ASACK  
DAVID CHURCHILL

January 01, 2004

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2003.

During the year a total of 222,099,684 gallons of water were pumped. This is 2,698,217 gallons less than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on July 08, 2003 when 1,160,243 gallons were pumped. The largest month was July with 25,077,746 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 1- July 7 with 6,616,698 gallons being pumped.

With 222,099,684 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,028,671 gallons bought from Easton, a total of 223,128,355 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 608,492 gallons.

Over the past year 17 new services were installed. Our number of services now totals 2,577.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 550 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department's highly skilled personnel continued with our meter replacement program. We installed the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings into our computer. The meters give us monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our record keeping. This year we invested 4 times as much as we usually do in the water meter replacement program. We will have 1800

of these new meters installed in our system within the next month.

In 2003 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. This is the first time in the history of the water department that such a preventative maintenance project has been carried out. The object of this project is to clean the debris from every gate box in the town and either rebuild or replace them when necessary. The second part of the project, after rehabilitating the gate box, is to exercise the gate valve with the new computerized gate valve operator. These valves are operated in order to assure that they can be easily operated in an emergency. Any gate that is found to not be in working order is dug up and replaced. We replaced 14 gates in 2003 that were found to be malfunctioning. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become pertinent. It plays a big part in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project three years ago has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

The Water Department started the construction of the iron removal plant in the spring of 2003 on a 3.3 acre lot on Manley Street. Winston builders was awarded the contract as the general contractor. The plant will use ultra violet light to meet the states disinfection rule, allowing us to keep the water tasteless and odorless. Miox will be generated on site and used as an oxidizing agent to remove the iron along with potassium hydroxide for P.H. adjustment. When this plant is brought online the water quality from this source is expected to be greatly improved and our system will be back to 100% of its pumping capacity.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all four wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. None were detected in any of our wells.

With three corrosion control facilities on line, one on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5, and the third at station 1 on Cyr Street we continue to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule. We have

earned a 3 year testing wavier from the D.E.P. due to the great results.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Noyes, Chairman  
Donald Asack, Clerk  
David Churchill, Member  
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent





## Department of Forestry and Parks

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**Christopher D. Iannitelli**  
*Forestry Superintendent*  
*Tree Warden*  
*Mass. Certified Horticulturist*

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2003, 82 Town trees were removed or trimmed due to disease or each side of every public road is our goal. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. Mass Electric helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as a Tenth Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and High Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
1991 F-150 Ford pick-up	2000 Kubota Tractor

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.

Holiday Decoration Fund –used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in Town.

Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series.

Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the Town playground.

- Capital Projects 2003
- New Senior Center Landscaping
- Addition of equipment at Friendship Park
- Redesign of skating rink
- Artesian well at YAA complex

Our 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2003. Five concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2004 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “Culture for Children” summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2004 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher D. Iannitelli  
Forestry and Parks Superintendent



# **The Highway Department**

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**Thomas C. Green**  
*Highway Superintendent*

## **Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2003 annual report for the Highway Department.

### **Equipment**

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

1975 F800 dump truck	1989 1-ton dump truck
2001 F550 dump truck	1997 1-ton dump truck
1987 L900 dump truck	1993 F150 pickup
1993 F800 dump truck	1998 Crown Vic car
1998 F800 dump truck	1991 Street sweeper
1975 Sidewalk plow	1975 roadside mower
1970 Bucket loader	1992 John Deere backhoe
5 road sanding attachments	1974 Massey Ferguson tractor

### **Chapter 90**

Through this State roadwork fund and with the assistance of Liz Lapointe, District 5 Inspector, we were able to chip seal Beacon and Forest Street this year.

### **Manley Street Reconstruction Project**

This project is continuing forward in the engineering phase. Plans are currently being reviewed by Massachusetts State Highway for final comments and changes. This 3.3 million project is still moving forward. Hopefully this will go out to bid this December.

### **Winter Conditions**

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 50 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Four of our trucks have been outfitted to use liquid calcium as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions.

### **School Projects**

A drain line was installed from the high school to the skating rink. Rose L. Macdonald and the Spring Street School were cracked sealed.



### **Transfer Station**

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to \$11,290.00 this year. The cost for trash hauling increased to \$42 per ton and recycling costs vary between \$10-\$20 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3211 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 332 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. I wish to thank Richard Jefferson for his efforts to please all residents everyday on the job.

### **Street Sweeper**

The sweeper will be out daily starting in April.

### **Drainage Projects**

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106

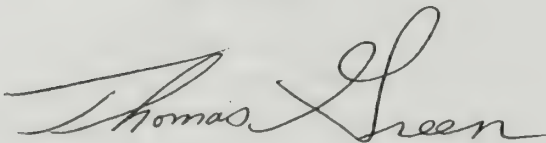
### **New Seniors Center**

To ensure proper drainage we installed 105' of cul-tec drainage.

### **Guard Rails**

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on South Elm Street.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department. Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.



Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Green  
Highway Superintendent

***Town of West Bridgewater***  
***COUNCIL ON AGING***

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman and Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As Director, I submit the Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2003.

The new Senior Center is a glowing success. We have quickly claimed the building as home and have even added new programs. A very successful bridge club and the mah jongg group As usual our past year has been a busy one.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	3,255	
Congregate Meals Served	5,054	
Fuel Assistance Applications	21	
Dial A Bat Trips	1,247	
COA Shuttle Clients	3,168	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels	2,864	
Ellie's Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	376	112
Supportive Care Clients	17	
Line Dancing Program	409	
Bridge Club	247	
Outreach Contacts	237	
Flu Clinic Participation	223	
Blood Pressure Test Participants	65	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	13	
Tai Chi	384	

Please feel free to come and see us any time and offer help or suggestions of what you would like to have at your Senior Center.

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf  
Director Of Elder Services



## **WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Department of Pupil Personnel Services**

**Spring Street School, 2 Spring Street**

**West Bridgewater, MA 02379**

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**Kathleen A. Slivka**

**Director of Pupil Personnel Services**

### **Town Report of the West Bridgewater Public Schools**

**Department of Pupil Personnel**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As Director I herewith submit the Annual Report of the Department of Pupil Personnel Services for the year ending December 31, 2003:

As the Director of Pupil Personnel Services I would like to thank the West Bridgewater community for their continued support of the towns' children and this department. With your support the schools continue to be able to meet the diverse needs of all its' students.

The educational staff continues to be dedicated to improving their knowledge and teaching skills through attending professional development workshops and courses.

Nurses, Guidance staff and special education personnel encourage, teach and challenge all school-aged children to reach their individual potentials. The special education department services twelve percent of the total student population. This service includes specialized instruction and therapies to help students learn in the least restrictive environment.

Over the last year the Massachusetts Department of Education conducted a Coordinated Program Review of West Bridgewater Public Schools' Special Education Services, Civil Rights, Title I and Nutrition. The District is to be commended for the exemplary implementation of selected criteria in the programs. It was noted that the inclusion practices demonstrate the schools' commitment to educating students in the least restrictive environment, professional development is a strength, and there is effective communication and collaboration within the staff, parents and community.

In closing, I would like to thank the citizens of West Bridgewater for supporting this department in such tight fiscal times. Your support has helped the West Bridgewater School District leave "no child behind" including those with educational difficulties.

In closing, I would like to thank the parents and teachers for their undying dedication to the youth of this community. West Bridgewater is a village that cares about its youngest members.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kathleen A. Slivka*

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Director of Pupil Personnel Services





West Bridgewater School Committee  
Spring Street School, 2 Spring Street  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

This past year the School Department faced the financial struggles associated with a weakened economy, yet our students continued to demonstrate excellence in academics and athletics. For the third year in a row, all our students met the state graduation requirement in passing MCAS. Only one other town in Massachusetts has achieved this type of record. Locally, at Project Contemporary Competitiveness held at Bridgewater State College, one of our students was selected to write and execute a speech at their graduation ceremony. Other students have represented our schools, and ultimately our town with pride in various scholastic activities. Our Varsity Girl's Softball team secured a State Championship title, and our athletic programs continue to produce competitive athletes. The above-mentioned accomplishments are only a few examples of the positive activities that occur every day in our schools.

This past year the School Committee was able to negotiate a fair and equitable contract with the West Bridgewater Educators Association. Given the current economic climate, our school system was able to operate without the massive lay-off of teachers that other cities and towns in Massachusetts have experienced.

As we enter a new year, the School Committee looks forward to working in a collaborative effort in order to provide the best possible education for the school children of our town.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Maloney  
Nancy Maloney, Chairperson

Marianne Welch-Batstone  
Marianne Welch-Batstone, Vice Chair

William McCole  
William McCole, Clerk

Kathy Grant  
Kathy Grant

Kristen Gindhart  
Kristen Gindhart



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Superintendent of Schools

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## Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system. There is a definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, and other Town Committees. Because of our dedicated staff who contribute their time, energy, effort and resources to our children, the School Department is able to continue to provide quality education to each child.

Accomplishments and highlights of 2003 include:

- Eight teachers entered their fourth year of teaching in the West Bridgewater School System and consequently received professional status.
- Full-Day Kindergarten was offered to our younger community; with another Kindergarten teacher added to provide classes for the children who only attend the half-day Kindergarten program.
- Another Special Education Preschool class was added, bringing the total enrollment of the Preschool to 38 students.
- An extended day-care program was instituted for before and after school care at the Spring Street School.

This year is the third year of the School District's 5-Year Strategic Plan. Approximately thirty individuals representing parents, community members, teachers and administrators comprise the Strategic Planning Team. They identified seven goals, which served as a guide for the District's improvement efforts. They meet once a month to move forward on the action plans for each goal. The West Bridgewater School Committee and I acknowledge the members of the Strategic Planning Team and their work. They welcome other members of the community to join. Below is the Strategic Plan:

Increase student achievement:

- *After school programs have been added to each of the schools.*
- *AP courses are to be increased.*

*The West Bridgewater Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.*

Develop seamless curriculum K-12 based on state frameworks:

- *A full-time Curriculum Coordinator now provides leadership in this area and works with "teacher teams" in the area of English and Mathematics to address curriculum in the District.*

Establish effective communication:

- *This sub-committee publishes a district newsletter, which has been sent to each home in the community. Also district and school websites have been established. Parents are able to communicate quickly and effectively with teachers via e-mail.*
- *A sub-committee has outreached all parents and students grade 7 through 12 to identify ways the high school can better serve the students and their families.*

Upgrade and maintain building and grounds:

- *Donations from MASS surplus, including desks, cabinets and furniture, were acquired through the help of Mr. Marco Barrile and Mrs. Lorrie Mardo, Finance and Business Director.*

Expand and improve use of technology:

- *All District staff members have their own computer and email with most communication going through the District's e-mail system. New computer labs have been established for the MacDonald and Howard Schools.*

Increase the financial stability of the District

- *Inter-District Choice, rental fees, athletic and extra curricular fees, and building use fees began to be investigated.*
- *Full-day Kindergarten program generated some new revenue, as well as the extended day program.*

The down turn in the State's economy began to severely take its toll on our school budget. This is the second year in a row in which the schools were unable to obtain enough local and state aid to sustain and maintain programs. Several positions were lost; as well as a few user fees were established.

The school community, a closely knit group, have once again kept their focus on what is the best intent of the children of the Town of West Bridgewater and have worked with the administrators to do more for the schools with fewer dollars in the school budget.

Many thanks to the School Committee, parents, teachers, administration and staff for their tireless efforts for the students of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert White*

Robert H. White, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools





## West Bridgewater Public Schools

### Howard School

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**JOYCE R. FRANCIS**

Principal

### Report Of The Howard School

Howard School began the school year for students on Wednesday, September 3, 2003 with 233 students in grades four, five, and six. All faculty and staff reported to school on Tuesday September 2 and on September 5<sup>th</sup> all staff participated in system wide professional development under the direction of our new Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Patricia Oakley.

Once again, personnel changes had a significant impact on the Howard School. Mr. Frank DeMello moved from the sixth grade to the fifth grade giving us four fifth grade classes and leaving the sixth grade with only three classroom teachers. Mrs. Kimberly Collins replaced Mr. Arthur Hogan as our band instructor. Mrs. Bonnie Reilly resigned as our special education instructional assistant and Mrs. Colleen Kelley, was hired to take her place.

Students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS). In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library Science and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

Once again, the students at the Howard School were also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular grant-funded programs through our participation with the North River Collaborative under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs. Some of these programs ran during the school year and some ran during the school vacations and during summer break. We thank Ms Paula Karol for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. The programs include: After School Athletics, After School Enrichment Math Problem Solving Club, Homework Help, Computer Classes, Sign Language Classes, MCAS Study Classes, Learn To Cook, Girls Rule, Theater, Dance, Art, Creative Crafts, and Spanish.

Mrs. Sally Romano continued on in the role of Language Arts Team Leader for the Howard School. She met regularly with the staff in grades four, five and six to develop writing rubrics. All students in grades four five and six participated in district wide long composition development. The emphasis in language arts continues to be one that encourages students to develop excellent communication skills both through oral communication and written communication. In the area of reading, students are continually encouraged to develop and improve their reading level and use their reading skills to learn. At the intermediate level, the emphasis continues to be reading and writing to learn. This year students in the sixth grade competed for the second year in the Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge. Ms. Elizabeth Sanger, champion of the Howard School, won the right to participate in the Massachusetts State Championship Word Power Challenge which was held in Plymouth, Mass. Throughout the year, students are involved in many and varied reading and writing incentive programs. Some of these are: Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Book It, Read Across America, Young Author's Celebration and Pen Pal Letters.

A significant amount of time and energy was spent on professional development in the area of Mathematics. Kathleen Pitvoric, author of The Everyday Math program and Evelyn Bandlow, Howard School Mathematics Team Leader, continued to work with the teachers grades 4-6 to improve our math skills. During the months of January and February, all students participated in a "Know Your Multiplication Facts" program. Students took a weekly test of 100 multiplication facts to see if they could improve their knowledge of the facts. In addition, a Family Math night was held for students and parents in March.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library again continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year and the Friends of the Library under the direction of Marianne Lorrain arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the RIF program.

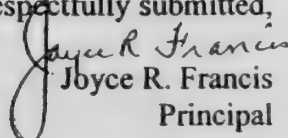
The West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the Howard School students with many enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Bats, Native Americans, An Egyptian Specialist, Learning About China, Jason Newton, the Map Maker, Harriet Tubman; as well as funding for student participation in the Mathematics Olympiad program and the National Geographic Geography Bee and for various other necessary educational materials. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students. Students are involved in group activities, individual learning activities and cooperative learning activities. All instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student.

The Howard School Council met on the second Thursday of the month throughout the school year. Council members include: Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Officer Ann Savignano, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mr. Frank DeMello, Mrs. Jeanne Menton and Mrs. Marie Dowling. They reviewed the Howard School budget, revised the school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Howard School building the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

**"We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care."**

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Joyce R. Francis  
Principal





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**Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School**

To the Honorable Selectman and the citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Rose L. MacDonald School houses grades one through three and as of January 1, 2004 enrolled 246 students. Twelve certified classroom teachers, two certified special education teachers, two certified special education assistants, a full time school nurse, and a school secretary staff the Rose L. MacDonald School. The speech and language pathologist and a school psychologist are shared with the middle/senior high school.

Due to budget constraints, staff reductions resulted in the reading specialist position being combined with the Principal Intern, the elimination of half time special education aide, and one special needs teacher.

Retirements in June 2003 of three teachers led to the hiring of three new classroom teachers; Mrs. Connie Keating in grade 3, Mrs. Green in grade 2 and Mrs. Dyer in grade 1.

The Massachusetts frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program*. The program weaves together concepts, procedures and applications using real life problems and situations.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. The Houghton Mifflin Invitations to Literacy Program is the basal reading program currently utilized at each grade level.

Professional development continues to provide teachers with ongoing opportunities to improve student achievement in Math, English Language Arts and Technology. Instructional teams of teachers meet with Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Oakley to review curriculum needs in all content areas and focus on continually improving student achievement.

School council meetings take place the second Tuesday of each month at the Rose L. MacDonald School, in which parents, teachers and community members share their time and thoughts with teachers and administrators.

*The West Bridgewater Public Schools do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.*



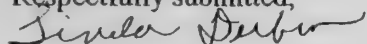
A new self-supporting After School Program was established this year. Under the leadership of School Nurse Julie Amaral as the After School Program Coordinator, and with the help of teachers and parents as program leaders, the students at RLM enjoyed many fine after school courses. Drama, chorus, cooking, knitting, Junior Detective, arts and crafts, computer, math and reading programs were some of the activities offered to the children.

We thank Mr. Ed Sunshine of the Town Observer for providing scholarship money for the After School Program. The Town Observer also supported the ongoing work of town resident Mariann Lorrain, who obtains grant funding for the *Reading Is Fundamental* (RIF) program that provides free books for our students.

Dedicated P.T.O. members, through fundraising, provide many programs that relate to the areas of the curriculum throughout the year. The P.T.O. generously purchased enhancements for the sound system on the stage for our school. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provides teachers with support by volunteering time in a variety of helpful ways both in and out of the classroom.

Ultimately, I would like to thank the parents, faculty, and staff of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively to provide a quality, comprehensive education for the children of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda G. Dubin

Principal Intern



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## **Report Of The Spring Street School**

The Spring Street School has truly developed into an Early Childhood Education Center that caters to the unique needs of children ages 3 through 5. Currently there are two Integrated Pre School Classes, three Kindergarten Classes (two full day classrooms and two half day classrooms) and one Community Evening School Pre-school Playtime Class.

The school year for these students began on Wednesday, September 10, 2003 with 43 students in pre-school and 74 students in kindergarten and 20 in the community evening school pre-school playtime program. In addition, to the regular day programs, the West Bridgewater Public Schools also began a "Surround Care" or "Before and After School Child Care" program.

There were several staff changes and additions at the Spring Street School. These include Ms Melissa Persson, our Before and After School teacher, Mrs. Mary Rohnstrom and Mrs. Kathy Marble, two new Integrated Pre-school teachers, and Mrs. Nancy Sidman and Mrs. Joan Keating teaching in the Kindergarten. Mrs. Anita Lebreque served as the Pre-school Coordinator and Mrs. Linda Naimey wrote and coordinated the grant for the full day kindergarten program, while Mrs. Paula Karol took on the role of school nurse as well as nurse leader.

Students receive daily instruction in readiness and pre-reading, writing and mathematics instruction. We have been certified by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) and special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for their school experience. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students and all instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

We would like to thank the West Bridgewater P.T.O for provided the Spring Street School with the annual PTO Book Fair, Read Across America, and Mother Goose.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council met throughout the school year to find ways to improve the facility and programs. Council members include: Mrs. Anita Lebreque, Mrs. Christina Reed, Mrs. Colleen Nolan, and Mrs. Joyce Francis. The Council reviewed the Spring Street School budget, developed a new school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Early Childhood Center the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce R. Francis".  
Joyce R. Francis  
Principal



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### TOWN REPORT FOR THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 2003 was very successful for the students in the Middle/Senior High School. All members of our class of 2005 have passed the state mandated MCAS tests. As I am sure you are aware, a student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS exams. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, and 2005 have passed. To the best of my knowledge, there is only one other high school in the state that has had all their students in those grades pass.

94% of the class of 2003 have gone on to further their education or have enlisted in the military. Some of the colleges our seniors were accepted at include: Clemson University, Massachusetts College of Art, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Pace University, Rollins College, Simmons College, Providence College. Many others chose to stay closer to home with acceptances to Bridgewater State College and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

In the area of athletics, the Boston Globe ranked the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School second in the state for the Dalton Award: Ames Division. This is an award that is given to the school with the largest winning percentage based on enrollment. It should be noted that the entire state is broken down into only four divisions. Therefore, we were competing with schools that have a much larger enrollment. We were 2/100 of a point from first place. Twenty-eight of our students received recognition by being selected all league. Seven students received all scholastic recognition by the Brockton Enterprise. During the calendar year 2003, 370 students "dressed" for interscholastic athletics. Winning teams included: Football, Field Hockey (ECAC Champions), Girls' Soccer, Golf (Mayflower League Champions), Cheerleading, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Basketball, and Boys' Junior High Basketball and Girl' Junior High Basketball.

The music department held three concerts this past year, March, May, and December. All the concerts played to standing room only audiences. The art department held its annual art show in the spring that also was an overwhelming success.

During this past year we saw the retirement of two long time teachers in the school district: Anne Kelley and Sandra Reese. Both retired after nearly seventy years of service to the children of West Bridgewater.

Respectively submitted,

Lew Klaiman  
Principal



## **REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

*Eugene Kostecki, School Committee Member*

The Southeastern Regional School District offers 20 vocational/technical training programs at its high school and five post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2003, 1,181 students were enrolled in the high school and 131 students were enrolled in the technical institute. West Bridgewater had 48 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern's collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, provides students with school-to-career activities.

The Southern Regional Education Board evaluated Southeastern Regional during November. The Technical Assistance Visit was conducted using the guidelines developed by High Schools That Work (HSTW) which is a nationally recognized school reform network. This school reform initiative is funded through three grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education under their Comprehensive School Reform program. The teacher-lead HSTW team developed an action plan for the next three years focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics and an Advisor/Advisee program. The goal of this plan is to increase MCAS scores for all students.

Southeastern Regional graduated 230 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Students from the Class of 2003 were required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the class received diplomas after meeting this requirement. Placement records indicate that 92.5% of the Class of 2003 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post secondary education.

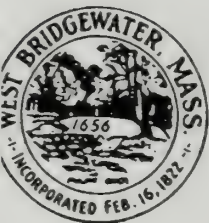
Participation in Skills USA/VICA (Vocational Industrial Clubs of America), DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America), BPA (Business Professionals of America), and other student organizations, increased as we are looking for a very competitive year ahead where Southeastern students will be recognized for many outstanding achievements. For the first time in our history, a Southeastern student is a national officer for Skills USA/VICA.

Program Advisory Committees met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of parents, students and industry representatives, met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern.

The Southeastern Technical Institute is currently operating five full-time day programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). Our students represent all the Southeastern Regional School District communities and span a wide age range. The institute continues to enjoy a very high placement rate of 95%. Students are placed in full-time jobs with average salaries ranging from \$12.00-22.00 per hour.

The Evening School continues to grow with new programs, including Phlebotomy and A+ Certification. Classes range from one night seminars to two and three nights per week courses. Special computer courses for seniors are also offered. The Technical Institute is interested in expanding our customized training programs for business and industry.





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### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The year 2003 saw the continuation of the two-year Early Childhood Grant offering \$10,000 to enhance children's services to newborn children up through five years old. This federal Library Resources and Technology Act (L.S.T.A.) grant was allocated through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners (M.B.L.C.). As a result Miss Jo Rapp, the Children's Librarian, was able to spend the first allocation of \$5,500 on programs, materials and equipment. Programs presented were the Tiny Tots Tunes for children ages 0 - 3 with Melissa Williams, a local music instructor. Joan Goodman performed "Time for You", a five week series of drop-in literacy programs for children ages 1 - 2 years with an emphasis on teaching parents literacy skills for their children. These multidisciplinary programs include the use of music, movement, storytelling, puppetry, and fingerplays. Barn Babies Petting Zoo attracted 200 kids and was a hit. Ellen Trousdale's Animals in Winter program provided fingerplays, movement drama, and a winter craft. Music for Munchkins was presented by Amy Peters, a Kindermusic instructor, who focused on baby massage and developmental skills. Tim Van Egmond's Workshop for parents, preschool teachers, librarians, and day care providers covered rich language experiences for preschool children. A Valentine's Day program with Ryan Racette was Tall Tales for Toddlers. Children's musician Donna Lee Honeywell presented a family concert. Happy Dan, The Music Man, presented two programs, "Sing with Your Baby" and "Read with Your Tot". Susan Paino of the Moving Company specialized in preschool dancing and games of physical challenges and exercise. "Sign with Your Baby" with Michele Constantino helped parents improve communication with their preverbal infants. Katie Clark performed "Happy Ever Active" for children ages 3 - 6 and covered acting, games, and exercises. With grant funds the Library purchased a 24" television, DVD player, and VCR meant for use with the Grant. Music CDs, educational CDROMs, and videos were purchased. The Library has been honored to bring this grant to our parent patrons and young children to provide new and improved local services.

"Read, Think, Create at Your Library" attracted 150 children for a successful summer reading program. The end of program ice cream party featured Tim David, the magician. The children received their certificates at the same time. Other events presented were Beach Party Story Time, a Clifford Party, Summer Library Camp for 20 kids ages 5 - 9, the Lobster Lady, Teddy Bear Story Time, a poetry contest, an art contest, a photography contest, and the Harry Potter Party in which Miss Jo and the kids dressed up as wizards. The WB Cultural Council sponsored "Science Isn't Always Pretty" with Keith Michael Johnson which mesmerized thirty children ages 5 - 10.

The Library won the Futures Grant in July. The formal title is "Libraries 'ThinkAbout' the Future: Discover the Future at Your Public Library". Preliminary plans were made in the Fall, the money arrived in December, and the implementation will take place in 2004. WBPL will work with its partner, the Norwell Public Library, in creation of the Grant.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 64,789 now and received 5,251 new items in the year. Circulation in the year was 68,038, up 11,589 from 2002. The Library website is [www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater](http://www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater). On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events and Heritage Quest Online which is a genealogy database. The monthly Library Newsletter is HeddaLines edited by Assistant Reference Librarian, Jane Cartier.



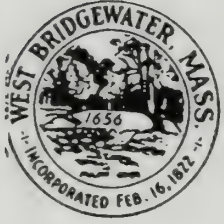
The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating programs and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental ( R.I.F. ) program where Friends' member dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations fund the distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the town in January, May, and September distributions. Over 16,000 books have been distributed in this program since 1989.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Roll Smith".

Beth Roll Smith  
Library Director



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To The Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Trustees of the Public Library would like to thank you, the other town departments, the Municipal Building Needs Committee, and the Citizens of West Bridgewater for their support this past year. A special thank you to the School Department, Dr. Robert White, Mrs. Joyce Francis, and Mr. Lew Klaiman, for their help and guidance in dealing with after school behavior issues.

The Library is a vital part of the community, providing equal access to information for all citizens. A public library today is much more than just books; we provide our patrons with access to the Internet, videos, DVDs, periodicals, museum passes, and much more. Through the regional library system, SAILS, we have thousands of volumes available for our patrons. We encourage the townspeople to make good use of the library, and if we can, in any way, enhance our services please bring it to the attention of the library staff.

The Trustees would like to thank the Library Director, Beth Smith, for her dedicated efforts this past year. In addition, we would like to thank the staff for their hard work and dedication. We would also like to thank Martha Linden for her dedicated service to the Board of Trustees.

We thank the Finance Committee for their hard work in a difficult economy and hope that there will be a rebound in the economic health of the region that will allow us to bring the budget back into full compliance with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioner's guidelines. The Library Director and Staff are to be commended for managing well the funds that we have available to us.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. Benson  
Chairman, Library Board of Trustees

## West Bridgewater Board of Health

### REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2004

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 2004

The following list of fees gathered by the Board is a glimpse of some of the Board activities.

Perc Test Observations.....	\$ 16,810.00
Disposal works permits.....	16,285.00
Food service and retail food permits.....	4,275.00
Disposal works installer permits.....	3,600.00
Milk and Cream permits.....	510.00
Septic hauling licenses.....	1,800.00
Rabies Clinic.....	380.00
Mobile food service permits.....	175.00
Mobile home park and motel permits.....	185.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,670.00
Tobacco Licenses.....	400.00
Tanning Licenses.....	35.00
Massage Therapists and Establishments.....	1,375.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 47,220.00

The Board of Health would like to express their appreciation to the following for their service:

Partners Home Care, Inc. and our Public Health Nurse, Doreen Zeller, for running the clinics on blood pressure and blood sugar screening, TB testing and flu shots. The Public Health Nurse is available every first and third Tuesday from 11 A.M. to Noon in our office at the Town Hall. Clinics are also held in the COA Center at the Spring Street School on the second Wednesday from 10 A.M. until Noon.

Dr. Neal Andelman of the Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for the rabies clinic. Dr. Andelman donates rabies serum, hypodermic syringes, immunization tags and most importantly his time and expertise in handling animals. The Highway Department staff for the use of their building. We also thank the volunteers who donate their personal time to the town for this clinic.

Todd Pilling, Mike Koska, Jason & Jeff Youngquist Professional Engineer's, as consultant's reviewing Septic Systems plans for the Board.



Mr. Peter Bergstrom, Health Officer for his service to the town. The ongoing restaurant inspections, septic site inspections and public health complaints received by the Board are not seen in yearly reports such as this, but are essential to the public health of the Town.

Mr. Brad Piesco for his many years of service to the Town of West Bridgewater through his membership on the Board of Health.

The Board Members would like to welcome Anne Bergstrom who joined our Board in April 2003 due to the resignation of long time member Brad Piesco.

Lastly, The Board would like remind residents that this office has a program for the collection of (Medical Waste) Sharps/Lancets from Residents of West Bridgewater. Also, that we have the Betterment Program for residents who's septic systems are in need of repair. The regulations for these service's can be obtained at the Board of Health Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry D. Lawrence  
Chairperson

Anne Bergstrom  
Clerk

Howard W. Hayward  
Member

## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

We hereby respectfully submit our annual report for the year 2004

**Cattle:**

dairy	305
beef	16
steers/oxen	n/a
goats (Adult = 1 year and up)	12
sheep(Adult = 1 year and up)	9

**Swine:**

breeders	0
feeders	0

**Equines:**

horses	93
ponies	12
llamas	5

**Poultry:**

chickens	114
turkeys	6500
ducks	37
Ratites	0
Waterfowl	0

**game birds**

**rabbits**

Other animal n/a

Respectfully submitted,  
Inspectors of Animals  
Howard A. Anderson  
Lee Anderson

## 2003 Report of the Open Space & Recreation Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater. The Open Space & Recreation Committee respectfully submits its annual report for 2003.

The Open Space & Recreation Committee's mission and goals are many and serve the better interests of all residents, taxpayers and passerby alike.

Our Mission: "To preserve properties of significant scenic, historic, and ecological value in our community for passive public use and enjoyment as well as for natural undisturbed wildlife habitat."

Open space whether uplands, wetlands or bodies of water, has important functions and values. Values which make an area important to society are related to public health and safety, environmental quality, and quality of life factors such as vistas, recreation and enjoyment of the natural world.

These values of open space might be clustered into four groups related to the protection or preservation of:

- Biological and ecological diversity
- Water supply and water quality
- Aesthetics and recreation
- Community character and agricultural lands

One of the challenges of the committee has been the difficulty in securing an easement from Scotland St. eastward through privately owned land to Conservation owned land as part of the Bay Circuit Trail. The Bay Circuit was first proposed in 1929 as an outer "emerald necklace," linking parks, open spaces and waterways from Plum Island to Kingston Bay, the Bay Circuit idea - a precursor of today's national greenways movement - continues to take shape. Focused on a 200 mile corridor of 50 cities and towns, the Bay Circuit Trail connects the "jewels" of the "emerald necklace." Community by community, the dream of connecting more than 79 areas of protected land in a greenway around Boston is now becoming a reality.

Another challenge is, because we are an all volunteer committee with no staff and restricted budget, it has proven difficult to find enough interested residents or elected or appointed officials to serve in a more efficient manner in order to better realize our goals.

One of the more positive aspects is that we are in the process of updating our Open Space Plan. That plan defines our communities' natural resources. The purpose of an Open Space Plan is not to restrict development and growth but to logically highlight the specific areas in town which should not be built upon due to their value to the community, the ecosystem, and the future needs of the town.

The committee appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to have a shared booth at the Annual Park Day celebration with the Conservation Commission. Together we provided educational and informational pamphlets and handouts to passers by.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Hayward, Chairperson  
Jack Ames  
Victoria Benea

Jody Driscoll  
Jac McDonald  
Beth Miltner

John Newell  
Beth Roll Smith



## 2003 Report of the Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater. The Conservation Commission respectfully submits its annual report for 2003.

The Conservation Commission consists of five volunteer members appointed by the Selectmen under the Conservation Act (GL. Ch 40, Section 8C) whose primary purpose is to uphold and protect the interests and values of the Wetland Protection Act as well as its Wetland Protection Bylaws. These include protection of public and private water supply, protection of ground water supply, flood control, storm damage prevention, prevention of pollution, protection of land containing shellfish, protection of fisheries and protection of wildlife habitat.

Further interests and values also include erosion and sedimentation control, recreation, aesthetics, agriculture and aquaculture.

The Commission met on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening of each month at the Public Library, holding 23 regular public meetings, 2 executive sessions and one business meeting in 2003. There were 35 Public Hearings during the year. This included:

- 27 Notice of Intent Filings, with 23 approved Orders of Conditions issued, 3 Orders of Conditions that were denied, and one 40B filing that is still pending,
- 7 requests for Determinations of Applicability were heard with 5 Negative Determinations issued, 1 Positive Determination issued, and one still pending,
- 1 Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation was approved.
- There were 3 Enforcement Orders and 4 Violation Notices issued.

The year 2003 proved to be a challenge partially due to the increase of permits, increased wetland violations, restricted budget and turn over of members and staff.

During the year Commissioners William Clancy and Joseph Gindhart resigned as did Secretary Anna Britton and Agent Patricia Cassady. Their hours of dedicated service are greatly appreciated. Joseph Souza returned to the Commission to replace Mr. Clancy, leaving one position open at the end of the year.

Katherine Doherty was appointed as Secretary in July; filling the Agent's position is on the Commissions' task list in January. It is of great importance for the townspeople to have the availability of professional and technical resources on this board.

The Conservation Commission continues in their goal to be people-friendly, always looking for ways to help the general public understand the importance of natural resource preservation as the town grows.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Hayward, Chairperson  
Dick Weatherby, Vice Chair

Richard R. Palin  
Joseph Souza

Katherine Doherty, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS  
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The following 2003 Annual Report for the Department reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

<b>RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION</b>	<b>Construction Value</b>
18 Dwellings.....	3,993,000.00
39 Additions, Alterations, .....	2,059,370.00
176 Incidental Construction.....	1,130,973.82
13 Swimming Pools.....	60,659.00
6 Stoves and Chimneys.....	10,500.00
17 Zoning.....	425.00
	<b>\$7,254,927.82</b>

**COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

5 New Buildings.....	2,519,602.00
6 Additions, Alterations .....	691,898.00
12 Incidental Construction.....	294,687.00
18 Signs.....	52,784.00
6 Demolitions.....	150.00
	<b>\$3,559,121.00</b>

**CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL** **\$10,814,048.82**

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	\$ 83,640.95
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	11,787.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	11,021.00
	<b>\$ 106,448.95</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham  
Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room, the Howard School, or the High School, and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2003, the Board of Appeals held twenty-two (22) Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	18*
Special Permits denied	1
Variances granted	3
Variances denied	1
Applications withdrawn	1

\*Public Hearings for New England Commercial Development began in November 2003. In January 2004, three Special Permits were granted to the applicant for a health club, restaurant, and a motor vehicle repair and routine maintenance operations facility, to be located at 389 West Center St.

In October 2003, the Board began a series of Public Hearings on the town's second Comprehensive Permit application, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 of the Massachusetts General Laws. In March 2004, a comprehensive permit was granted to Meadow Brook Realty Trust to construct a forty (40) unit condominium development, to be known as Meadow Brook Condominiums, on West Center Street, with ten (10) of the units to be sold as affordable.

During 2003, Michael Feresten resigned as a member of the Board of Appeals. The Board would like to thank him for his many years of dedicated service. Associate member Marian Spencer was named a full voting board member and Leonard Hunt was named an associate member. The Board of Appeals would like to thank Town Counsel John Lee, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman  
John DeCosta, Vice Chairman  
Lars (Gary) Eliasson  
James Henderson  
Marian Spencer  
Armen Amerigian, Associate Member  
Leonard Hunt, Associate Member





## Planning Board

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To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2003.

Twenty-three (23) meetings were held throughout the year. There were no Special meetings held. There were Five (5) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board approved one (1) Sub-division for acceptance by the Town. This still need to be passed at town meeting. There are presently Twelve (12) Sub-divisions under various stages of completion. The Board held discussions on possible sub-divisions. One (1) Site Plan with Special permit was approved and granted. Twelve (12) Site Plans were reviewed and sent to the Board of Appeals for their action.

The Planning Board has reviewed a proposal for an Adult Retirement Community Bylaw and will be holding hearings in 2004. The Board has been working with the Town's financial team in the developing of Commercial/Industrial properties through the creation of West Bridgewater as an ETA partner with the State. The Planning Board Rules and Regulations have been reviewed and amended to meet changes of the industry.

Over the year members represented the Board on many town committees.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the past year. In closing we would like to thank the people of West Bridgewater for their interests in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman  
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk  
Grete Bohannon, Member  
Anthony Kinahan, Member



# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To Honorable Board of Selectman and the residents of West Bridgewater, The Board of Assessors submits their Annual Report.

We continue to see an upward spiral in property values in Residential and Commercial/Industrial properties. Despite an economic slowdown, low interest rates as well as a short supply of properties on the market, have contributed to these value Interests.

Fiscal year 2005 will be the First year of Interim (annual) revaluations, as mandated by the State. There is no indication of what the state will be requiring. We note that New Growth has been slow, even with the rise in values. The town's financial team is working hard to increase the Commercial/Industrial tax base. The town will be proposing at the annual town meeting, that we become an ETA partner with the state. This will allow commercial/industrial properties to be considered for economic support from the state. We have worked with the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady classification rate. We presented the tax rate on time this year as our part on the Town's financial team.

The Assessors have printed, and offered for distribution, a handbook showing what your Assessors do, and do not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue tightly controls the Assessors; nothing is done without following their rules. The handbook can be obtained at the Town Hall or from the town's Web Site.

The Assessors office has come a long way in a year. Robert Cole has been named principal assessor and runs the everyday operations of the office. Members Robert Lundin and Cheryl Smith along with principal clerk Donna Cotter have passed the required Department of Revenue Course. Member, Gerald Stetson will by summer's end complete certification as a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor by the Mass Assessors Association. He will join Robert Cole with an MAA certification. The assessors are currently requesting funds to employ a full time clerk, without a fulltime clerk the office will be required to be closed at times during the week.

The Board off Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town boards and Departments for their cooperation in helping this new board reach the goals and objectives required of us.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Lundin, Chairman  
Cheryl Smith, Clerk  
Gerald Stetson, Member

65 North Main Street • West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

January 1, 2004

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending  
December 31, 2003.

During the calendar year 2003, a total of two hundred (200) measuring devices were sealed, thirty-nine (39) devices were adjusted, two (2) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade), and three (3) devices were condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of six (6) scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	4 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	8 Sealed 1 Adjusted 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	38 Sealed 2 Adjusted 1 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	14 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	96 Sealed 30 Adjusted 2 Not Sealed
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 6 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed
Spring Water	4 Sealed



Fabric Measuring Devices

23 Sealed  
1 Condemned

Redemption Machines

2 Sealed

Scanner Systems

1 Tested

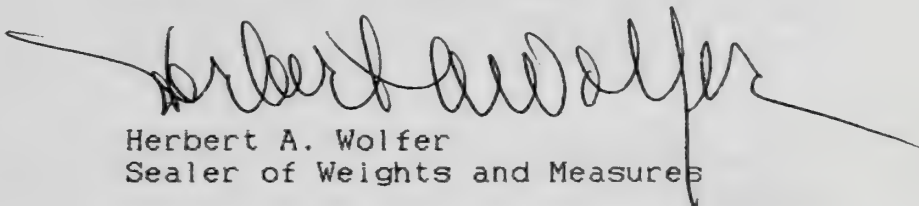
The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$2,858.00
Adjusting Fees	225.00
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Total Fees	\$3,083.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Herbert A. Wolfer  
Sealer of Weights and Measures



## *West Bridgewater Historical Commission*

To the Honorable Board of Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

As part of our effort to promote awareness of the Town's history and instill community pride, the Historical Commission of West Bridgewater launched a "Plaque Program" in 2003 that has successfully highlighted some of the areas more historic and distinctive older homes.

In 2003, our initial marketing has been to owners of homes that are 100 years or older. Several orders for plaques were received in 2003 and installed on homes throughout the community. As the program continues to show strong support, a second mailing of applications will be sent out this summer. The Historical Commission is very pleased with the success of this program and will encourage participation through various mailings, ad campaigns and community gatherings.

In May 2003, the second grade students of Rose L. MacDonald School had the opportunity to visit the Keith Parsonage Home on River Street as part of the West Bridgewater History Awareness field trip. With the guidance of Mrs. Marlene Howell and her volunteers, the second grade teachers and their enthusiastic students, the day was a success. Thank you for giving of your time, and enriching our children's lives.

In closing, I would like to thank the Commission Members again for their time, dedication and effort.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Sheedy, Co Chair

John Newell, Co Chair

Katharine Turner, Secretary

Ann Harrington, Treasurer

Noreen D'Andrea, Anne Marie Sheedy, and Gregory Sheedy, Members

Donna Ames and Marc Anderson, Associate Members

## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2003.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2003 season began with an above normal water table which produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 11, 130 requests for service, the largest number since 1998.

We are again happy to report that in 2003 there were no human Eastern Equine Encephalitis or West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. The recurring problem of EEE and WNV to the northeast continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Department of Public Health.

West Nile Virus decreased during 2003 with 15 human cases statewide. Two horse cases occurred in Plymouth County during 2003, Rochester (EEE-9/27) and Plympton (WNV – 10/6). In 2003, 18 birds tested positive for WNV. To ascertain the risk to human health and horses, this Project continued placing mosquito traps in known infected areas from the year prior. The mosquitoes collected were tested at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for EEE and WNV. WNV was isolated from *Culex* species collected in Brockton (9/3 and 9/11). EEE virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, from collections in Halifax on August 26, 2003. Five additional EEE isolates were collected from a Project New Jersey Trap (8/18, 9/9, 9/16, and two isolates on 9/23) in Pembroke. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on our web site, [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 2,464 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

**Aerial Application.** Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerielly larvicided 1,200 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors



continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2003 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,640 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, that is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 203 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Culex species* and *Culiseta melanura*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman  
Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman  
Leighton F. Peck, Secretary  
William J. Mara  
Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.

## **REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2003.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; an Area Agency on Aging by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Pembroke Master Plan; Whitman Master Plan; Abington, Pembroke, and Whitman Community Development Plans; Old Colony 2003 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs, in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; Avon East/West Circulation Study; Regional Truck Study; OCPC 2003 DataBook; Old Colony 2003 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies; BAT FY 2003 Ridership Analysis; Bridgewater State College (BSC) Transit Study; Whitman Traffic Circulation Study; numerous Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During the past year, the council conducted traffic counts at approximately 150 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to Bridgewater/Middleborough town line), Executive order 418 Program, Brockton Area Coalition for the Homeless, and with the Southeastern Massachusetts Vision 2020 Program. The Council initiate work on the Local/Regional Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the OCPC Region. During the past year the Council also restructured the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to include four additional members (City of Brockton, Town Avon, Bridgewater, and Plymouth).

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2003, the Council re-elected David A. Johnson of East Bridgewater as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Secretary; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Treasurer. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Diane Cunningham, for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eldon Moreira, Delegate  
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate  
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

2003 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SERVICES GROUP

The first quarter of the year was a busy time for SERSG as we re-located to a new office in Easton. This completes the down-sizing that was necessary as a result of the termination of our tobacco control program.

In January and February the SERSG Regional Administrator sponsored two training sessions on the symptoms which would reasonably lead a supervisor to think a municipal employee was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. This training is mandated by the federal Department of Transportation for all supervisors of municipal drivers of commercial motor vehicles. At the beginning of each new three year contract for drug and alcohol testing services, SERSG arranges for the contractor to hold this training for any municipal supervisor who is new or who has not previously had this training. Twenty-eight supervisors attended one of the two classes.

In April SERSG conducted cooperative procurements for office supplies, paper supplies and DPW supplies which resulted in substantial savings for our member municipalities. Staples won sixteen office supply contracts with an all-time high discount of 72.25% off of the list price for office supplies contained in the United Stationers Supply Catalog. Over the summer the Regional Administrator worked with SERSG sub-committee members Raynham Town Administrator Randall Buckner, Plainville Town Administrator Joe Fernandes and West Bridgewater Administrator Elizabeth Faricy to make sure that the transition to the new office supply vendor went smoothly.

Also over the summer the Regional Administrator provided technical assistance to the Towns of Canton, Easton and Norton in the preparation of IFBs for supplemental road work in these Towns.

We closed the year with our Fall cooperative procurement for DPW Services. This IFB has grown over the years. The dollar value of contracts that will be awarded as a result of this IFB now totals nearly six million dollars. The Regional Administrator continues to work closely with the Highway Superintendents in the drafting and production of these procurements. Their cooperation has been key to the success of these cooperative IFBs.

Catherine Salisbury, SERSG Regional Administrator





## SELF HELP INCORPORATED

THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF GREATER BROCKTON AND ATTLEBORO  
780 WEST MAIN STREET, AVON, MA 02322 TEL. (508) 588-0447 FAX (508) 588-1266

"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"

LORRAINE SIMON  
Chairperson, Board of Directors

JONATHAN R. CARLSON  
Executive Director

December 29, 2003

### REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

During the program year ending September 30, 2003, Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately \$18.7M and provided direct services to 21,381 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, SHI provided services totaling \$283,182 to 229 households during program year 2003.

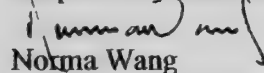
Self Help's total funding of \$19,191,681 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional \$1,495,239 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was \$20,686,920.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 285 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2002 through September 30, 2003 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank Mr. Charles Baker who represents the West Bridgewater/East Bridgewater/Bridgewater selectmen on the SHI Board, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2003 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,



Norma Wang

Executive Assistant/Human Resources

Avon Site:  
Attleboro Site:  
Brockton Sites:

Central Administration (508) 588-0447 • Community Partnerships for Children (508) 559-1666  
Fuel Assistance • Client Services (508) 226-4192 • Head Start (508) 226-2030  
Energy Conservation (508) 580-4481 • Family & Parenting Center (508) 559-8821  
Fuel Assistance (508) 588-5440 • Head Start 370 Howard St. (508) 587-1716  
Lead Abatement (508) 584-4755 • MELD (508) 559-8704 • TTY (508) 587-6118

**REPORT OF  
PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.  
200 Ledgewood Place  
Rockland, MA 02370  
Ph. # (781) 681-1000**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2003.

Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, immunization programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2003 include: successful flu immunizations (despite demand for flu shot was greater than the supply); adult and pediatric immunization for the community; TB tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. The VNA also serves as a depot for state-distributed vaccine. Several community health programs were presented this year, including: Ongoing Diabetes Information Workshops and provision of a babysitting training course. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Mass DPH Immunization Update, Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting and Control; HIPAA Trained; and maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism information as a resource to the community. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	179	BP Screening	230
Communicable Disease follow-up	23	Blood Sugar Screening	4
TB Screening	126	Health Promotion Visits	5
Flu Immunizations	301		

\*Confidential case follow-ups are done and submitted to West Bridgewater Board of Health and Department of Public Health.

*In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by PHC staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specially and supportive services provided include:*

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Skilled Nurse                | Physical Therapy             |
| Occupational Therapy         | Speech Language Therapy      |
| Home Health Aide Services    | Medical Social Worker        |
| Education and Support Groups | Private Health Care Services |
| Case Management              | Cardiac Care                 |
| Alzheimer's Disease Care     | Rehabilitation Nursing       |
| Parkinson's Program          | Complex Wound Care           |
| Diabetes Education           | Oncology Care                |
| Mental Health                | Homemaker/Companion          |

Partners Home Care, Inc. extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health, the generosity of area businesses and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them. Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN  
Community Health Nurse



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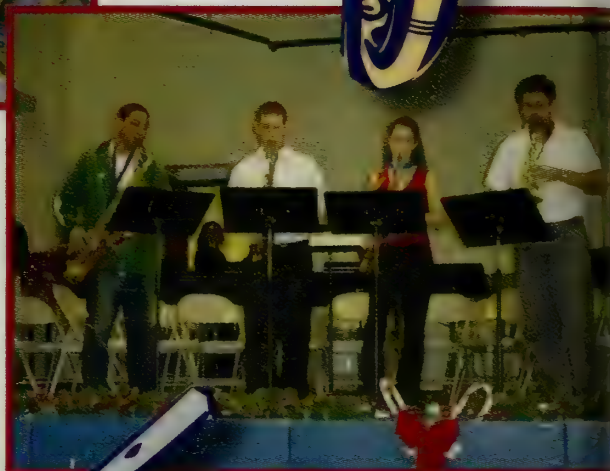
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<b>Town Departments</b>	<b>Phone Numbers</b>
Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4973
Council on Aging	894-1262
Fire	586-3232
Forestry	894-1217
High School	894-1220
Highway	894-1216
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Pupil Personnel	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
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Tax/Treasurer	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Vehicle Maintenance	894-1218
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Water Department	894-1271





Photos Courtesy of West Bridgewater High School Music Department



**Annual Report  
of the  
Town Officers and  
Committees of the**



**Town of  
West Bridgewater**

**for the Year Ending  
December 31, 2004**

THE 2004 TOWN REPORT  
IS DEDICATED TO

DAVID JEROME COHEN

*Council on Aging*

EDITH MARION FERRON

*High School Employee*

JAMES L. GRANDFIELD

*Library Trustee*

ELAINE VIVIAN LAUGHTON

*Teacher*

ERVIN GARDNER LOTHROP

*Police Chief*

THOMAS B. MACQUINN

*Forestry Superintendent*

*This Town Report is also  
dedicated to all Town Employees and  
Volunteers, past and present,  
who continue to serve the  
Town of West Bridgewater  
with dedication and pride.*



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**Of the**  
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# Board of Selectmen

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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 183rd Annual Town Report.

The year 2004 saw many projects going on in the Selectmen's Office. Attorney Matthew P. Albanese was elected to the Board in April. Mr. Albanese comes with several years of experience on the Finance Committee and because of that, he knows the financial situation of the Town. He also is on the By-Law Review Committee, helping to bring the Town's by-laws into modern times. Mr. Albanese also comes with a public policy background, as an attorney who worked in the State Legislature.

Police Chief Robert Kominsky retired from the Police Department in July 2004 and the Board interviewed and selected Sergeant Donald Clark as the new Police Chief. The Board also voted to promote Patrolman Kevin Johnson to the position of Sergeant. The Selectmen also appointed three new patrolmen, Officers Daniel Sullivan, Timothy Nixon and Michael Winkler to the police department. Several retirements occurred in the police department to warrant these appointments.

The Town Hall second floor was opened in July of 2004, adding much-needed office and conference room space. The Selectmen's offices are now located, along with a new meeting room, on the Second Floor. Also located on the second floor are the Conservation Commission, Town Accountant, Building Department and Administrator's offices. The second floor is handicapped accessible.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board. She works countless hours and has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Larson and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Chairman  
Victor R. Flaherty, Clerk  
Matthew P. Albanese, Member

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Jacqueline Lee	<a href="mailto:jlee@wbridgewater.com">jlee@wbridgewater.com</a>

## **REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

**Edward Medairos, Trustee of Beacon Park Realty Trust.**

**V.**

**Rent Control Board of the Town of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board which granted a rent increase to the plaintiff as the owner of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Cumberland Farms, Inc.**

**V.**

**Town of West Bridgewater  
Planning Board**

This is an action brought in the Land Court appealing a decision of the Planning Board which denied an endorsement, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81P, of a perimeter plan submitted by the plaintiff as one which did not require approval under the subdivision control law. The Land Court has ruled for the plaintiff and its judgment has been appealed to the Appeals Court by the Town. This action is still pending in the Appeals Court.

**Philip Tuck**

**V.**

**West Bridgewater Police Department**

This is a complaint filed by Philip Tuck with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination alleging that he was discriminated against by the Town's Police Department because of his age and his disability. This action is pending before the Commission.



**Charles Souaiden and Elias Souaiden, Trustees  
of Souaiden Trust**

**V.**

**Planning Board of West Bridgewater**

This is an action brought by the plaintiffs in the Land Court appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals which denied them a special permit for a convenience store and gasoline station at 195 South Main Street. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Charles W. Johnson**

**V.**

**Conservation Commission and  
Board of Selectmen**

This is a complaint brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Conservation Commission which denied them a variance from the Town's Wetlands Protection By-Law to permit the construction of an on-site sanitary disposal system at property located at 40 Clinton Road. The Conservation Commission has also filed a Complaint in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing the decision of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection which issued a Superseding Order of Conditions approving the proposed project. These actions are still pending in the Court.

**Paul Stringham**

**V.**

**Board Of Appeals of the Town of West  
Bridgewater and JMT REALTY TRUST**

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Inspector of Buildings appealing the alleged granting of a variance to the plaintiff by the Board of Appeals. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Joseph L. Vasapollo, Jr.**  
**V.**  
**A & E Realty Trust, et als.**

This is an action of contempt which has been brought in the Superior Court by the former Inspector of Buildings and which seeks to have the defendants held in contempt of Court for their refusal to comply with the Order of the Superior Court issued after trial of this action ordering the defendants to refrain from using the premises at 2675 East Center Street as a contractor's construction storage yard and the judgment of the Appeals Court which affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court. This action is still pending in the Court.

**Town of West Bridgewater**  
**V.**  
**Carlos J. Andrade, Alves Construction Corp.,**  
**and Carlos Alves, d/b/a Alves Construction Co.**

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Town which seeks to recover damages for the Town's ambulance which was destroyed in an accident involving the defendant. The accident resulted from the negligent operation of a motor vehicle by the defendants. This action is pending in the Court.

**B & W Motors, Inc.**  
**V.**  
**Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Bridgewater**

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court against the Town which seeks to remove the restrictions placed by the Town on its Class 2 license limiting the plaintiff to sixty-five (65) used car vehicles on the premises and regulating other aspects of the business. This action is still pending in the Court.

**357 South Main Street, LLC,**  
**V.**  
**The Board Of Appeals Of The Town Of West Bridgewater**

This is a complaint filed by the plaintiff in the Superior Court appealing the decision of the Board of Appeals which upheld the decision of the Inspector of Buildings in which he denied the granting of grandfather rights to the plaintiff for the operation of contractor's offices and storage yards at 48 Keenan Street, also known as 357 South Main Street.

**Paul F. Stringham**  
**V.**  
**357 South Main Street, LLC**

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Inspector of Buildings to obtain enforcement of the provisions of a zoning decision issued by the Board of Appeals to the defendant, 357 South Main Street, LLC on November 22, 2004. In such complaint the Inspector of Buildings sought a preliminary injunction enforcing and restraining the defendant from operating a contractor's offices and storage yard on the property located at 357 South Main Street. This action is pending in Court.

**Town Of Duxbury, Et Al.**  
**V.**  
**Amerada Hess Corporation, Et Al.**

This is a class action brought in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by the Town of Duxbury and others in which the Town of West Bridgewater has agreed to join a number of other cities and towns in an action to recover damages for methyl butyl ether (MBTE) found in its public water supply. This action is pending in Court.





PERSONAL  
PROPERTY  
TAXES

YEAR	06/30/03 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/04 BALANCE
1,997.00	2,418.66					(1,534.50)	884.16
1,998.00	1,794.75					(1,547.25)	247.50
1,998.00	1,793.08					(1,545.76)	247.32
2,000.00	1,728.02					(1,362.24)	365.78
2,001.00	1,870.26					(1,472.88)	397.38
2,002.00	5,313.41		(672.98)			(2,969.92)	1,670.51
2,003.00	18,381.16		(2,492.28)	864.50		(14,372.74)	2,380.63
2,004.00	-	499,296.26	(4,954.70)	3,472.99	-	(464,903.47)	32,911.08
2,005.00						(914.38)	(914.38)
TOTALS	33,299.34	499,296.26	(8,119.97)	4,337.49	-	(490,623.14)	38,189.98

WATER USE  
CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/03 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/04 BALANCE
2,000.00	(4,645.96)						(4,645.96)
2,001.00	(10,781.93)					(0.12)	(10,782.05)
2,002.00	(4,524.55)					(8,541.85)	(13,066.40)
2,003.00	(75,455.75)		(9,459.18)			(54,151.65)	(139,066.58)
2,004.00	-	947,689.18	(489.10)			(826,958.82)	120,241.26
TOTALS	(95,406.19)	947,689.18	(9,948.28)	-	-	(889,652.44)	(47,319.73)

WATER LIENS  
RECEIVABLES

YEAR	06/30/03 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/04 BALANCE
2,002.00	162.16					(306.89)	(144.73)
2,003.00	4,032.89			(438.71)		(3,594.20)	(0.02)
2,004.00		22,501.13		(1,444.73)		(17,677.44)	3,378.96
TOTALS	4,195.05	22,501.13	-	(1,883.44)	-	(21,578.53)	3,234.21
TIE INS	(20,920.00)	29,230.00	-	-	-	(57,526.00)	(49,216.00)

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/03	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2004
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	5,995.75	83.91			8,079.66
TOWN CEMETERIES	17,069.44	234.55			17,303.99
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	17,274.43	268.95		(2,275.16)	15,268.22
#2	6,620.71	117.40		(584.44)	6,173.67
#3	18,905.69	276.36		-	19,182.05
#4	17,467.43	276.39		-	17,743.82
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	10,182.95	201.19		(42.38)	10,341.76
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	6,134.21	86.10		(1,273.27)	4,947.04
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,550.83	76.28		(250.00)	5,377.11
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	1,974.61	27.13			2,001.74
DRURY BELL FUND	63.06	19.42			82.48
STABILIZATION FUND	302,621.80	2,544.90		(155,000.00)	150,166.70
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	69,210.92	475.66	126,172.72	(144,363.71)	51,495.59
TOTALS	479,071.83	4,688.24	126,172.72	(303,768.96)	306,163.83



**INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED**

REAL ESTATE & MOTOR VEHICLE TITLE V	\$ 138,090.00
	\$ 2,571.00
TOTALS	\$ 140,661.00

On June 29th, 2004 the Town borrowed \$118,000 to purchase a new ambulance for the Fire Department.  
The interest rate for this short-term borrowing was 1.89 %.

I would like to thank the following employees for their dedication to their job; Assistant Treasurer Janet Merritt, support staff Kevan Sullivan, Maureen Adams, and Janice Golder. Their expertise and dedication to excellent customer support is truly appreciated by myself, their co-workers and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**  
**JOHN G. DUGGAN**  
Treasurer/Collector

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
2004 STATISTICS**

**REGISTERED VOTERS**

**PRECINCT ONE**

Democrat	506
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	0
Libertarian	22
Reform	2
Republican	502
Socialist	1
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1256
 TOTAL	 2291

**PRECINCT TWO**

Democrat	554
Green-Rainbow	0
Interdependent 3 <sup>rd</sup> Party	1
Libertarian	9
Reform	0
Republican	416
Socialist	0
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1189
 TOTAL	 2169

**TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4460**

**TOTAL POPULATION**

6694

**RESIDENCE STATISTICS**

2544– Housing Units

247 – Vacant

**2005– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

April 9, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**2005– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

June 13, 2005

**REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10<sup>TH</sup> PLYMOUTH DIST.**

Christine E. Canavan

**SENATORS IN CONGRESS**

Edward M. Kennedy

John F. Kerry

**REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS**

Stephen F. Lynch

**COUNCILLOR – 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT**

Kelly A. Timilty

**STATE SENATOR**

Brian A. Joyce



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS  
2004**

	Term Elected	Expires
<b>MODERATOR</b>		
S. Erick Benson.....	2003	2006
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>		
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2006
<b>SELECTMEN</b>		
Eldon F. Moreira.....	2002	2005
Victor R. Flaherty.....	2003	2006
Matthew P. Albanese.....	2004	2007
<b>ASSESSORS</b>		
Robert W. Lundin.....	2002	2005
Cheryl A. Smith.....	2003	2006
Gerald Stetson.....	2004	2007
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY</b>		
Laura L. Elmore (Resigned).....	2003	2005
Thomas Driscoll.....	2002	2005
Robert Sullivan.....	2003	2006
Joan Sheedy.....	2003	2006
James Benson.....	2004	2007
Brian H. Lanner.....	2004	2007
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>		
Marianne Welch-Batstone (Resigned).....	2002	2005
Brian Read.....	2004	2005
Annie G. Iannitelli.....	2004	2006
Kathleen Grant.....	2003	2006
Nancy Maloney.....	2004	2007
William McCole.....	2004	2007
<b>WATER COMMISSIONERS</b>		
John W. Noyes.....	2002	2005
Donald G. Asack.....	2003	2006
David L. Churchill.....	2004	2007

**TREE WARDEN**

Christopher D. Iannitelli.....	2003	2006
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**CONSTABLES**

Raymond L. Silva.....	2004	2007
Walter Thayer.....	2004	2007

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Jerry D. Lawrence.....	2003	2005
Anne Bergstrom (Resigned).....	2003	2006
Linda Davidson.....	2004	2005
Howard W. Hayward.....	2004	2007

**PLANNING BOARD**

Howard Anderson.....	2000	2005
Hugh Hurley.....	2001	2006
Gerald Stetson.....	2002	2007
Grete Bohannon.....	2003	2008
Anthony Kinahan.....	2004	2009

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**  
**7 Esther Dr**

John Cruz.....	2000	2005
Marion L. Leonard.....	2001	2006
Raymund Rogers.....	2003	2008
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2008
Richard J. Freitas.....	2004	2009

**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN**

**ADMINISTRATOR**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

**ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator  
Vacancy

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS**  
Jeni Dwyer  
George Mather

# **BOARD OF APPEALS**

Leonard T. Hunt.....	2003	2004
James Henderson.....	2001	2005
William E. Lucini.....	2001	2006
John DeCosta, Jr.....	2002	2007
Armen Amerigian.....	2003	2008
Lars (Gary) Eliasson.....	2003	2008
<b>Alternate Members:</b>		
Marian Spencer (Resigned).....	2004	2009
Noreen D'Andrea.....	2004	2009

# **BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE**

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

# **BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant

# **BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE**

Vacant

# **BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

Richard J. Freitas, Designee

# **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Paul Stringham

# **BYLAW COMMITTEE**

Grete Bohannon  
Richard Krugger

Peter Morini  
David Lacy  
Wade Estabrooks

Richard Freitas  
William Lucini

# **ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Vacancy

# **CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Appointed    Term  
Expires

Peter Turner.....	2002	2005
Michael D. Feresten.....	2003	2006
Paul Watson.....	2004	2006
Richard Domingos.....	2003	2006
Donald Miller.....	2004	2008
Vacancy.....	2004	2008

# **CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

Elizabeth D. Faricy



**COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

John Duggan	Joyce Francis	Elizabeth Faricy
Paul Golder	Richard Krugger	Donna Larson
Raymund Rogers	Ed Sarro	Beth-Roll Smith

**CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Donna Larson

**ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY**

Jacqueline Lee

**CONSERVATION AGENT**

Richard Vacca

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Richard Palin.....	2002	2005
Winfield R. Weatherby.....	2002	2005
Lee Anderson.....	2004	2005
Joseph Souza.....	2003	2006
Howard W. Hayward.....	2004	2007

**COUNCIL ON AGING**

Henry Bishop.....	2002	2005
James McGuigan.....	2002	2005
Virginia Nolan.....	2003	2006
Ruth Emberg Johnson.....	2003	2006
Anna Brown.....	2003	2006
Virginia Michael.....	2003	2006
David Cohen (Deceased).....	2003	2006
Barbara Cohen.....	2003	2006
Frank Nelson, Jr. ....	2004	2007
Bruce Holmquist.....	2004	2007
Arthur Loughman, Jr. ....	2004	2007

**CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Carolyn Ritucci.....	2002	2005
Kathleen Donghue.....	2003	2005
Kathleen Massey.....	2004	2007
Linda Kurinskas.....	2004	2007
Lorraine Mardo.....	2004	2007
Deborah Tisdale.....	2004	2007

**DRURY BELL COMMITTEE**

Richard J. Freitas	Eldon F. Moreira	Victor R. Flaherty
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**ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR**

Mary Harrington Graf

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**

Leonard T. Hunt

**ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER**  
Ronald P. Snell

Joseph Souza	<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b> Harold Hallberg	Hugh Hurley
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George Richardson	<b>FIELD DRIVERS</b> Howard A. Anderson	Vacant
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**FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON**  
Elizabeth D. Faricy

**FIRE CHIEF**  
Leonard T. Hunt

**FOREST FIRE WARDEN**  
Leonard T. Hunt

Virginia T. Michael	<b>HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE</b> Ryan Kincade	Leonard Hunt
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**HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR**  
Leonard T. Hunt

Raymund Rogers	<b>HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b> Phyllis Bickford	Paul Golder
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

**HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN**

Vacancy.....	2006
Vacancy.....	2006
Joan McAndrew.....	2004 2007

<b>HERRING WARDEN</b>	
Vacancy	Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy      Joseph Souza, Deputy

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Ann Harrington.....	2002	2005
Katharine Turner.....	2002	2005
Ann Marie Sheedy.....	2003	2006
Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio.....	2003	2006
Robert Bevis.....	2003	2006
Thomas Estey.....	2003	2006
Francine Sheedy.....	2004	2007
John Newell.....	2004	2007

## INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Thomas Hoisington.....	2004	2007
Richard A. Toczko.....	2004	2009
Robert DeMarino.....	2003	2008
Matthew Albanese.....	2004	2009
Vacancy.....	2004	2009
<b>Advisory Committee:</b>		
Vacancy.....		2005
Vanancy.....		2005

## LOCKUP KEEPER Bruce Holmquist

## MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE SUB- COMMITTEES

### CENTER OF TOWN - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantonio – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmatt – Fred Hartblay –Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

## MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz	Michael Feresten	Vacancy
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## MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist	Nancy L. Morrison	Richard McMahon
Eldon Moreira	Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.	Robert Kominsky

## MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Michele Kinahan .....	2004	2005
Craig Harding.....	2002	2006
Barbara Roulstone.....	2004	2007
Christopher Boujoukos.....	2004	2007
Craig Spence.....	2004	2007



# **MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE**

Thomas Kilpatrick.....	2002	2005
Victor Flaherty.....	2002	2005
James Enos.....	2003	2006
Beth Roll Smith.....	2003	2006
Al Martelli.....	2004	2007
Marco J. Barrile.....	2004	2007
John Bottini.....	2004	2007
Richard Freitas.....	2004	2007

# **MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

Scott Weatherbee

# **O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

# **OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL**

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate.....	2004	2007
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# **OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.**

Virginia Michael, Delegate

Virginia Nolan, Alternate

# **OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate

Richard J. Freitas, Alternate

# **OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Howard W. Hayward  
Jac MacDonald  
Beth Miltner  
Mary Dugan Watson  
Walter Healy  
Victoria Benea  
Christopher Iannitelli

Beth Roll Smith  
Jody Driscoll  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy  
Vacancy

# **PARKING CLERK**

Matthew P. Albanese

# **PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT**

Christopher Iannitelli.....	2001	2007
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# **PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

Joseph E. Donovan

# **ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR**

Edward Cruz

**POLICE CHIEF**

Donald Clark

**PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE**

Eldon F. Moreira

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

John S. Newell, III

Vacancies

**REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Janet Merritt.....	2002	2005
Francis J. Boyd.....	2003	2006
Nancy L. Morrison.....	2003	2006
Jerry D. Lawrence.....	2004	2007

**SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS**

Herbert A. Wolfer

**SENIOR CENTER BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Frank W. Nelson	Mary H Graf	Richard Freitas
Eldon F. Moreira	Bruce Holmquist	Hugh Hurley
Matthew P. Albanese	Albert Salvador	Leonard Hunt

**SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE**

Robert W. Kominsky	Armen Amerigian	Kevin Conway
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.		Richard McMahon

**SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS**

Raymond L. Silva	Robert Smith	Walter Thayer
William L. Ferretti	Robert Kominsky	Donald Jenness-
William Stoddard		Herring Warden

**SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS**

Thomas C. Green

**TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE**

Marianne Lorray	Kevin Kelley	Vacancy
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**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

Anitra Muhammad

**TOWN COUNCIL**

John P. Lee, Esq.

**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE**

Vacancy	Keith Hahl
Christopher Iannitelli	Vacancy

**TOWN PARK COMMITTEE**

Vacancy	Marian MacDonald	Christopher Werner
Christopher Iannitelli	Jerry Lawrence	Jac MacDonald

**TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE**

Christopher Iannitelli

Christopher Cross  
Susan Cross

Jac MacDonald

**TOWN WEIGHER**

Officer Michael Cummings

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR**

John G. Duggan

**VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT**

Leonard Graf III

**VETERANS AGENT**

Armen Amerigian

**WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Barry Meltzer  
Christopher Iannitelli  
Jac MacDonald  
Francine Sheedy

Howard Hayward  
Charles Johnson  
Eldon Moreira  
Katharine Turner

Marlene Howell  
Jerry D. Lawrence  
Gregory Sheedy  
Vacancy

**WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Victoria Bena  
Marguerite Morse  
Jack Hughes

Richard Krugger  
Thomas Green  
Daniel West  
Katharine Turner

Emidio DiVirgili (exofficio)  
Howard Hayward  
Francine Sheedy

**WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL**

Richard Krugger, Jr.

**WIRING INSPECTOR**

Kevin S. Greiner

**ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR**

Albert K. Greiner

**WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

Leonard T. Hunt, Director  
Donald Clark, Deputy  
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy  
Ronald Snell, Deputy

**APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR**

**COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Joanna Savage  
Paul Sheedy

Marion Loughman

Henry Bishop  
Michael Manugian



### STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Raymond L. Silva  
Vacancy

Vacancy

Robert L. Kellie  
Vacancy

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

James C. Lang II.....	2002	2004
Joseph Ritucci.....	2001	2004
Richard Heath.....	2001	2004
Pamela Humphreys.....	2002	2005
Robert L. Smith.....	2002	2005
Scott Weatherbee.....	2002	2005
Wade Estabrooks.....	2003	2006
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS.....	2003	2006
Sandra White.....	2003	2006

### MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope  
Richard Freitas  
Jeffrey Russell

John F. Bottini, Jr.  
Warren Sederberg  
Thomas Kilpatrick

Sonja Bolmant  
David Gill  
Victor Flaherty

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

### INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson

Howard A. Anderson

### BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

### BURIAL AGENTS

Marie Eccles

Nancy L. Morrison

Bruce Holmquist

## APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

### DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue  
Michael D. St. George  
Richard W. Gibson  
John A. Bartorelli

Paul Golder  
James J. Rocha  
C. Douglas Hill  
David L. Niklason

Allen A. Breer  
Gerald E. Stetson  
Kenneth J. May  
William R. Choate

### LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	\$ 97,387.89
Transfer Station	66,480.50
Fish and Game Fees	449.50
Dog Licenses and fines	6,055.00
Non-criminal Fines	2,025.00
Passport processing fees	8,770.00
Misc. receipts	25,818.79
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	\$206,986.68
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	\$ 6,805.45
Total	\$213,792.13

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of births recorded in 2004 was	72
The total number of marriages recorded in 2004 was	36
The total number of deaths recorded in 2004 was	132

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.  
Please call the Town Clerk's Office (508) 894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
FEBRUARY 23, 2004  
7:00 PM**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond L. Silva on February 2, 2004.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 48 qualified voters and 7 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Art. 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a new Front End Loader with plow and bucket for the Highway Department; a new F-750 All-Wheel Drive Vehicle (or equivalent) with a plow and attachment for the Highway Department and an F-450 All-Wheel Drive Vehicle with plow for the Forestry Department or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$89,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW F750 OR ITS EQUIVALENT, ALL WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE WITH CAB, CHASSIS, DUMP BODY AND PLOW FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE**

**FURTHER MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$46,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW F450 OR ITS EQUIVALENT, ALL WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE WITH CAB, CHASSIS, DUMP BODY AND PLOW FOR THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**FURTHER MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$9,000 TO PURCHASE A PLOW AND ATTACHMENTS FOR A NEW FRONT-END LOADER (TO BE ACQUIRED WITH CHAPTER 90 FUNDS) FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF THOSE VEHICLES BEING REPLACED IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



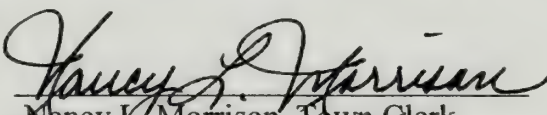
Art. 2: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and maintenance or take any action relative thereto. (Chapter 246B of the Acts of 2003)

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF \$156,978 IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT FOR STATE-AID ROADWORK, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS PART OF THE TOWN'S ALLOCATION AS APPROVED IN CHAPTER 246B OF THE ACTS OF 2003 FOR CITIES AND TOWNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 90 SECTION 34 (2)(a).**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Art. 3: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:27 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A True Copy, Attest:   
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**

**MARCH 2, 2004**

The Presidential Primary Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, March 2, 2004. Constable Raymond L. Silva posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Town.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The voting machines were inspected by the police officer on duty and the Wardens, a zero total was printed out. At total of 1800 Democratic, 1800 Republican, 50 Libertarian and 50 Green-Rainbow ballots were given to Wardens Paul McMahon and Warren Turner and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of polls at 8:00 p.m. a total of 588 votes had been cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct One: Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marion Loughman, Barbara Roulstone and Helen Cronin, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally

Precinct Two: Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty and Polly Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Alison Hurney assisted with the setting up and the taking down of the election equipment.

The results were as follows:

**DEMOCRATIC**

<b>PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE</b>	<b>PREC. 1</b>	<b>PREC. 2</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Richard Gephardt	1	1	2
Joseph Lieberman	2	2	4
Wesley K. Clark	0	1	1
Howard Dean	2	2	4
Carol Moseley Brown	0	0	0
John Edwards	48	62	110

Dennis J. Kucinich	4	2	6
John F. Kerry	154	156	310
Lyndon H. LaRouche	1	1	2
Al Sharpton	2	1	3
No Preference	3	0	3
Write-Ins	1	0	1
Blanks	2	0	2

#### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

Steven J. Fradkin	144	150	294
Write-Ins	1	0	1
Blanks	75	78	153

#### STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN

Marilyn D. Sullivan	154	151	305
Blanks	66	77	143

#### TOWN COMMITTEE

Marilyn A. Raleigh	132	128	260
Francis J. Boyd	127	135	262
Diane L. Perry	110	118	228
David A. Perry	110	117	227
Mary E. Petrie	117	115	232
Neil B. Conley	108	125	233
Joseph F. Linahan	136	133	269
Donald J. MacDonald	119	111	230
Kevin J. Kelley	116	132	248
Paul F. McMahon	110	134	244
Phyllis A. Notini	104	116	220
Brandyn Keating (Write-In)	4	1	5
Write -In	0	1	1
Blanks	3107	3194	6301

#### REPUBLICAN

##### PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE

George Bush	80	45	125
No Preference	2	8	10
Blanks	3	1	4
Write-Ins	1	0	1

##### STATE COMMITTEE MAN

John D. Boyle	70	39	109
Write-In	1	0	1
Blanks	15	15	30



**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Mini Sundstrom	67	41	108
Write-In	1	0	1
Blanks	18	13	31

**TOWN COMMITTEE**

Charles R. Barros	51	36	87
Lois E. Barros	51	35	86
Richard J. Freitas	65	35	100
Eldon Moreira	66	38	104
Kathleen A. West	51	34	85
Warren E. Turner	54	38	92
Elizabeth E. Turner	51	37	88
Daniel G. West	52	34	86
David L. Churchill	55	36	91
Irene Churchill	55	34	89
Lisa M. Domuczicz	47	33	80
John F. Cruz	59	38	97
Lars G. Eliasson	49	33	82
Mark E. Churchill	51	32	83
Sandra Lee Churchill	51	33	84
Peter W. Turner	54	35	89
Katharine M. Turner	54	33	87
John S. Tara	49	31	80
Laura L. Holmquist	58	34	92
Richard A. Knight	48	32	80
Barbara A. Knight	50	32	82
Ronald P. Snell	66	36	102
Robert L. Smith	56	35	91

**LIBERTARIAN****PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE**

Jeffrey Diket	0	0	0
Rubin Perez	0	0	0
Aaron Russo	0	0	0
Michael Badnarik	0	0	0
Gary Nolan	0	1	1
No Preference	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0

**STATE COMMITTEE MAN**

Blanks	0	1	1
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**STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN**

Blanks	0	1	1
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**TOWN COMMITTEE**

Blanks	0	1	1
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There were no Green Rainbow ballots cast.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 4, 2004  
WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
7:00 PM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva, on February 13, 2004.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with 81 qualified voters and 4 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1:        Shall the Town of West Bridgewater, beginning in September 2004, enroll non-resident students in its schools under the provisions of Chapter 76, Section 12B of the General Laws (also known as "School Choice").

*A YES VOTE* recommends that the School Committee allow non-resident students to attend the Town's schools in various grade levels.

*A NO VOTE* recommends that the School Committee elect, as it has done for the past 12 years, not to allow non-resident pupils to attend the Town's schools.

**SUMMARY**

Chapter 76, Section 12B of the General Laws allows non-resident students to enroll in the schools of their choice in a city or town where they do not reside, provided that the receiving school district has seats available. The School Committee is the governing body which decides whether non-resident students will be accepted. Such decision must be made by June first of each year. The School Committee is presently considering whether to accept non-resident students in grades 2 through 10, where seats are available. Once a non-resident student is accepted in the Town's schools, he or she shall be permitted to remain in the school system until his or her high school graduation, unless there is a lack of funding. For each non-resident who enrolls in the Town's school system, there is a school choice tuition amount determined in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 76 Section 12B of the General Laws that is paid to the Town for expenditure by the School Committee.

**MOVE        THAT THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2004, ENROLL NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS IN ITS SCHOOLS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 76, 12B OF THE GENERAL LAWS (ALSO KNOWN AS "SCHOOL CHOICE").**

Claire T. Howard of 32 Harvestwood Drive submitted an amendment to the above motion that reads as follows:

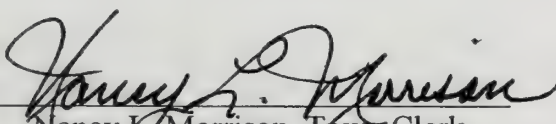
**MOVE            THAT THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER 2004, ENROLL NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS IN ITS SCHOOLS GRADES 7 – 10 UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 76, 12B OF THE GENERAL LAWS (ALSO KNOWN AS "SCHOOL CHOICE").**

**A SECRET BALLOT VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDMENT AND THE RESULT WAS YES-41 AND NO-36. THE AMENDMENT PASSED.**

**A SECRET BALLOT VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDED MOTION AND THE RESULT WAS YES-23 AND NO-54. THE MOTION DOES NOT PASS.**

Article 2:        To transact any further business which may legally come before this town meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:07 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A true copy Attest,   
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



## **TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**

### **ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**APRIL 17, 2004**

The annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 17, 2004. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and the by-laws of the town posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on March 25, 2004.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2400 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 1,355 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marion Loughman, Barbara Rulstone, Helen Cronin, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2 Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Joan McAndrew, Lois Flaherty, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Alison Hurney assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

SELECTMEN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Richard J. Freitas	295 River St	563
Matthew P. Albanese	20 Copper Beech Cir	769
Write-In		1
Blanks		22

Matthew P. Albanese declared elected

**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Three Years	Vote for One	
Gerald Stetson	95 Bryant St.	892
Write-In		6
Blanks		457

Gerald Stetson declared elected

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Two Years	Vote for One	
Laura Jean Brooks	161 Matfield St	87
Anne G. Iannitelli	60 N. Main St	836
Richard A. Toczko	7 Coweeset Ln	251
James Holden-Write-In	70 Roosevelt Ave	53
Write-In		5
Blanks		123

Anne G. Iannitelli declared elected

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Three Years	Vote for Two	
Nancy Maloney	228 Matfield St #2	932
William McCole	26 Prospect St	576
James Holden-Write-In	70 Roosevelt Ave	229
Write-In		14
Blanks		959

Nancy Maloney & William McCole  
declared elected

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

Three years	Vote for One	
Howard W. Hayward	147 E Center St	904
Write-In		6
Blanks		445

Howard W. Hayward declared elected

**PLANNING BOARD**

Five Years	Vote for One	
Anthony Kinahan	169 Turnpike St	899
Write-In		4
Blanks		452

Anthony Kinahan declared elected

#### TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Three Years	Vote for Two	
James Benson	35 South St	920
Brian Lanner-Write-In	9 Copper Beech Cir	35
George Hardiman-Write In	342 S. Main St	6
Write-In		9
Blanks		1740

James Benson and Brian Lanner  
declared elected

#### WATER COMMISSIONER

Three Years	Vote for One	
David L. Churchill	382 East St	968
Write-In		3
Blanks		384

David L. Churchill declared elected

#### HOUSING AUTHORITY

Five Years	Vote for One	
Richard J. Freitas	295 River St	898
Write-In		12
Blanks		445

Richard J. Freitas declared elected

#### CONSTABLE

Three Years	Vote for Two	
Raymond L. Silva	11 Arch St	782
Walter Thayer	3 Milebrook Rd	923
Write-In		1
Blanks		1004

Raymond L. Silva and Walter Thayer  
declared elected



QUESTION "SCHOOL CHOICE"

YES	509
NO	636
Write-In	0
Blanks	210

School Choice is defeated

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
WARRANT ARTICLES**

**Monday, June 7, 2004 – 7:00 PM  
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in election and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer on May 21, 2004 .

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Carol Ashton of the First Church of West Bridgewater gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Rachael Hayes sang the Star Spangled Banner. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former President Ronald Reagan.

With 132 qualified voters and 25 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

**MOVE:        THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 AS  
                 PRINTED ON THE WARRANT, AS SINGLE “CONSENT”  
                 ARTICLE WITH:**

**THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 6 ESTABLISHED AT \$21,000  
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 7 ESTABLISHED AT \$23,000  
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 8 ESTABLISHED AT \$ 4,000  
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISHED AT \$10,000  
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISHED AT \$64,000**

**A HOLD WAS PLACED ON ARTICLE 10 TO BE CONSIDERED IN ITS  
NORMAL SEQUENCE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**\*Article 1:     To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.**

**MOVE:        THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND  
                 COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2003  
                 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

**VOTE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004.**

<b>MODERATOR</b>	<b>\$ 312</b>	<b>TREE WARDEN</b>	<b>\$1,496</b>
<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	<b>\$9,586</b>	<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	<b>\$9,750</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>	<b>\$49,250</b>	<b>WATER COMMISSIONERS</b>	<b>\$6,741</b>
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	<b>\$ 2,381</b>		

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Motion to recess for Special Town meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:31 p.m.



Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$17,995,359 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF \$16,153,286 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND THE SUM OF \$1,692,073 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:**

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	Water Dept. (4500)	\$1,088,009
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	Fire Dept (2200)	350,000
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund to:	Conservation Com (1710)	6,500
From Assessors' Surplus Overlay <u>Reserve Fund</u> to:	Retirement of Debt	21,560
From Free Cash :	Retirement of Debt	226,004
	Total	<u>\$1,692,073</u>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 TO DEFRAY TOWN CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004 AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- \*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Social Day Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$21,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$21,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

- \*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$23,000 or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$23,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

\*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



\*Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY05 of \$10,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2005 OF \$10,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of \$64,000 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$64,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenues generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Transportation Program to be used by the School Department to pay necessary expenses to run said program and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an upper limit an amount of \$60,000 unless the expenditure of a greater amount is approved by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPEDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF \$60,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5 Clause 41C and raise the current minimum requirements to the new following requirements:

Age Requirement	Over 70
Previous Single Income	Proposed Single Income
\$13,000	\$15,000
Previous married income	Proposed married income
\$15,000	\$20,000
Previous Single Assets	Proposed Single Assets
\$28,000	\$32,000
Previous Married Assets	Proposed Married Assets
\$30,000	\$45,000

or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT THE THE PROVISIONS OF  
MGL CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5 CLAUSE 41C AND RAISE THE  
CURRENT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS TO THE NEW  
FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:**

<b>AGE REQUIREMENT</b>		<b>OVER 70</b>
<b>PREVIOUS SINGLE INCOME</b>		<b>PROPOSED SINGLE</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
	<b>\$13,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>
<b>PREVIOUS MARRIED INCOME</b>		<b>PROPOSED MARRIED</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>PREVIOUS SINGLE ASSETS</b>		<b>PROPOSED SINGLE</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
	<b>\$28,000</b>	<b>\$32,000</b>
<b>PREVIOUS MARRIED ASSETS</b>		<b>PROPOSED MARRIED</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 13:    To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of MGL 59 Section 5 Clause 41D. This provision will increase the gross receipts as set forth in Chapter 41C annually by an amount equal to the increase in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics each year or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF  
MGL 59, SECTION 5 CLAUSE 41D. THIS PROVISION WILL  
INCREASE THE GROSS RECEIPTS AS SET FORTH IN  
CHAPTER 41C ANNUALLY BY AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE  
INCREASE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX PUBLISHED BY  
THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF  
LABOR STATISTICS EACH YEAR.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 14:    To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.



**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2005.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section I of the Southeastern Regional School District Agreement as amended, to provide as follows:

Striking in its entirety, Section I: The Regional School District Committee, and inserting in place thereof the following:

SECTION I: THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

A. COMPOSITION

The Regional School District Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, shall consist of ten members; two members shall be residents and registered voters of the City of Brockton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of East Bridgewater, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Easton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Foxborough, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Norton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Mansfield, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Sharon, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of Stoughton, one member shall be a resident and registered voter of the Town of West Bridgewater. The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen/City Council and the school committee, as the case may be, in each of the respective towns and city. For instance, the Sharon Board of Selectmen/City Council and the school committee will appoint the Sharon Committee member.

B. APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES:

Appointment to the District School Committees shall be done as follows:

(1) No later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year in which an appointment is to be made, the selectmen or city council of a town or city whose seats are up for appointment during that year will post notice of such vacancy in the city or town hall. Notice of the vacancy shall remain posted for at least thirty (30) days.

(2) Each individual interested in being appointed to the Committee shall submit a written statement of interest to the Board of Selectmen/City Council and school committee of the town or city in which he or she reside no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> during the year in which an appointment is scheduled to be made. The selectmen/city council and school committee will review the statements of interest, conduct interviews of the candidates if they desire, and make their appointment decisions no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>.

(3) Interested applicants must be residents and registered voters of the town or city in which they wish to be appointed in order to be considered for appointment to the Committee.

(4) Should a mid-term vacancy occur on the Committee, the town or city in which the vacancy occurs need not follow the appointment process set forth herein and may appoint through its board of selectmen or city council a resident and registered voter whom it decides in its discretion would be best suited to act as an interim committee member. Should a mid-term vacancy occur in the positions of Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer, the Committee may immediately appoint by majority vote new individuals to fill the position(s) on an interim basis for the duration of the term of the departing officer without following the appointment procedure set forth in Section C (3). In no case, shall any of the positions set forth herein remain vacant for more than thirty (30) days.

C. ORGANIZATION AND COMMENCEMENT OF TERMS OF OFFICE:

(1) Initial Appointment -- No later than August 31, 2004, each city and/or town represented by the five seats whose term is set to expire in November 2004 shall post a notice in the city and/or town hall notifying the public of the impending vacancy and inviting interested parties to submit a statement of interest to the respective Board of Selectmen/City Council and school committee no later than October 1, 2004. The Selectmen or City Council shall make their appointment as soon as practicable, but in no event later



than October 31, 2004. New appointees will typically be sworn in at the first Committee meeting in November 2004 and shall serve a term of four (4) years in duration. The remaining five seats will follow the same appointment process, except such process shall take place in calendar year 2006. The present committee members for the five municipalities who were duly elected in the November 2002 election will continue to hold their seats until 2006.

(2) Subsequent Appointments -- Each term shall be for four (4) years. Subsequent appointments shall be made in the same manner as initial appointments, with postings no later than August 31<sup>st</sup>, statements of interest provided no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> and appointment decisions made no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>. The individual appointed by the selectmen/city council and school committee shall begin to serve his or her term effective November 1<sup>st</sup>.

(3) Appointment of Officers -- On the date of the first School Committee meeting following the November appointment and every November thereafter, the Committee shall choose by majority voice vote a Chairman for a term of one year from its own membership. At the same meeting, or at any other meeting, the Committee shall choose by majority vote a Treasurer and a Secretary, who may be the same person but who need not be a member of the Committee, choose such other officers as it deems advisable all to serve for a term of one year, and describe the powers and duties of any of its officers, fix the time and place for its regular meetings and provide for the calling of special meetings.

(D) POWER AND DUTIES

The Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon it by this Agreement and such other additional powers and duties as are specified in Chapter 489 of the Acts of 1963, and any amendments thereof or additions thereto, now or hereafter enacted, or as may be specified in any other applicable general or special law.

(E) QUORUM

The quorum for the transaction of business shall be a majority of the Committee, but a number less than the majority may adjourn, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND SECTION I OF THE  
SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
AGREEMENT AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

**UPON COUNTED VOTE YES-42, NO 52, MOTION DOES NOT PASS**



Article 17: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the fourth paragraph of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16B, to reallocate the sum of their required contribution to the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School (the District) in accordance with the District's regional agreement or take any other action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 71, SECTION 16B, TO REALLOCATE THE SUM OF THEIR REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL (THE DISTRICT) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT'S REGIONAL AGREEMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase leak detection equipment or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$28,100 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE LEAK DETECTION EQUIPMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace the water main on Hillside Avenue or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$5,600 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO REPLACE THE WATER MAIN ON HILLSIDE AVENUE.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase or lease-purchase an F550 (or its equivalent) Dump Truck and Plow for the Water Department and to authorize the Water Commissioners to dispose of one old vehicle in the best interest of the Department or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO LEASE PURCHASE THE SUM OF \$48,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE OR LEASE PURCHASE AN F550 (OR ITS EQUIVALENT) DUMP TRUCK AND PLOW FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO DISPOSE OF ONE OLD VEHICLE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE DEPARTMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase equipment related to the piping and controls needed to allow the filling of water tankers at the new Manley Street Water Facility or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF \$20,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT RELATED TO THE PIPING AND CONTROLS NEEDED TO ALLOW THE FILLING OF WATER TANKERS AT THE NEW MANLEY STREET WATER FACILITY.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**



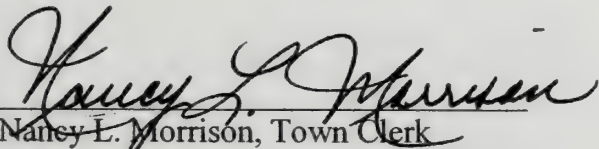
Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater by extending the Business zoning district on the western side of Main Street/Route 28 to include land now located within the General Residential and Farming zoning district, along the boundary line of the City of Brockton, so as to include all of the parcels shown on Map 11, Lot 24, and Map 18, Lot 122 of the West Bridgewater Assessors' Maps, within said Business zoning district. The land to be placed on the Business zoning district is comprised of approximately 12.69 acres and is shown on a plan entitled "Zone Line Adjustment, West Bridgewater, Massachusetts," drawn by Appledore Engineering, Inc., dated April 9, 2004, on file with the Planning Board or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW AND ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY EXTENDING THE BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT ON THE WESTERN SIDE OF MAIN STREET/ROUTE 28 TO INCLUDE LAND NOW LOCATED WITHIN THE GENERAL RESIDENTIAL AND FARMING ZONING DISTRICT, ALONG THE BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF BROCKTON, SO AS TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE PARCELS SHOWN ON MAP 11, LOT 24, AND MAP 18, LOT 122 OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER ASSESSORS' MAPS, WITHIN SAID BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT. THE LAND TO BE PLACED ON THE BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT IS COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 12.69 ACRES AND IS SHOWN ON A PLAN ENTITLED "ZONE LINE ADJUSTMENT, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS," DRAWN BY APPLIEDORE ENGINEERING, INC., DATED APRIL 9, 2004, ON FILE WITH THE PLANNING BOARD.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 24: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:55 P.M., PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest:   
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



**WARRANT ARTICLES  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2004 – 7:15PM  
WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer, May 21, 2004.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. With 132 qualified voters and 25 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND (Budget No. 1320) THE SUM OF \$7,800 TO PAY AN OLD SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BILL OF \$7,800 TO CONSOLIDATED PLUMBING FOR THE PURCHASE OF A DUPLEX BOILER FEED FOR THE SCHOOL'S CONDENSATE RETURN SYSTEM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL HEATING SYSTEM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2004 or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$101,763 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004:**

<b>FROM:</b>	<b>Water Surplus</b>	<b>\$ 6,000.00</b>
	<b>1320 Fin Com Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 9,100.00</b>
	<b>1930 Insurances</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
	<b>4330 Solid Waste</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
	<b>5430 Veterans</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>
	<b>7510 Long Term Debt</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
	<b>7520 Short Term Debt</b>	<b>13,000.00</b>
	<b>9100 Benefits</b>	<b>52,863.00</b>

<b>TO:</b>	<b>4500 Water Dept.</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>
	<b>1510 Town Counsel</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
	<b>2100 Police Department</b>	<b>14,700.00</b>
	<b>3200 Southeastern Reg</b>	<b>12,063.00</b>
	<b>4210 Highway Adm.</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>
	<b>4230 Snow and Ice</b>	<b>26,000.00</b>

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to a retirement account to begin to fund the cost of sick leave and vacation buy back agreements when Town Employees retire in accordance with the provisions of the Plymouth County Retirement system, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town match for the WEB Task Force Grant or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM ARTICLE 5 OF THE JUNE 9, 2003 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THE SUM OF \$2,500; and further TRANSFER FROM THE DOG OFFICER'S BUDGET (2920) THE SUM OF \$2,500 and further TRANSFER the sum of \$5,000 FROM THE INSURANCES BUDGET (1930) AS THE TOWN MATCH FOR THE WEB TASK FORCE GRANT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the relocation of the Flow Meter for the Howard School Septic System to achieve greater accuracy in DEP required monthly readings or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$15,000 FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND TO PAY FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE FLOW METER FOR THE HOWARD SCHOOL SEPTIC SYSTEM AS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT MANAGEMENT.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 6:        To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for new chlorine dosing pumps for the High School septic system or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF \$3,600 FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND TO PAY FOR NEW CHLORINE DOSING PUMPS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SEPTIC SYSTEM.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

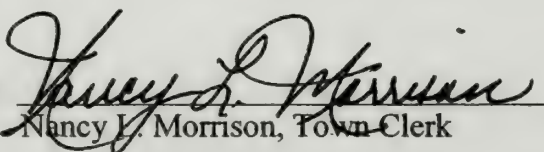
Article 7:        To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and install a generator for the Howard School Septic System as required by the Department of Environmental Protection, or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE:            TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Article 8:        To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:31 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest:   
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER  
STATE PRIMARY  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2004**

The State Primary was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2004 at the Spring Street School. Constable Raymond L. Silva posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on August 2, 2004.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls opened at 7:00 a.m. The voting machines in each precinct printed a zero total. Nineteen hundred ballots were given to Warden Paul McMahon in Precinct I. Nineteen hundred ballots were given to Warden Warren Turner in Precinct II. Receipt was given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed that the following number of ballots had been cast:

Republican	179
Democratic	237
Libertarian	0
Green-Rainbow	0

The following poll workers were sworn in:

Precinct I. Paul McMahon , Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marilyn Raleigh, Barbara Roulstone and Helen Cronin, Checkers.

Precinct II. Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty and Pauline Peterson, Checkers.

Tally: Kevin Kelley and Pam Humphreys.

Emily Fitts and Alison Hurney assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The following results were announced:

**DEMOCRATIC**

Representative in Congress	Prec. I	Prec II
Steven F. Lynch	98	109
Blanks	12	17
All Others	1	0

Councillor		
Kelly A. Timilty	90	101
Blanks	20	25
All Others	1	0
Senator in Gen. Court		
Brian A. Joyce	94	106
Blanks	16	20
All Others	1	0
Representative in General Court		
Christine E. Canavan	102	104
Blanks	8	22
All Others	1	0
Sheriff		
Joseph F. McDonough	44	56
Joseph M. Palombo	63	65
Blanks	4	5
All Others	0	0
County Commissioner		
Peter G. Asiaf	64	72
John Patrick Riordan	43	39
Jeffrey M. Welch	57	68
Blanks	57	73
All Others	1	0

#### REPUBLICAN

Representative in Congress		
Blanks	94	60
All Others	16	9
Councillor		
Blanks	98	63
All Others	12	6
Senator in General Court		
Blanks	101	62
All Others	9	7

Representative in General Court

Mark W. Chauppette	78	53
Blanks	32	16
All Others	0	0

Sheriff

Joseph D. McDonald	53	21
Robert J. Stone	57	45
Blanks	0	3
All Others	0	0

County Commissioner

Blanks	205	134
All Others	15	4



**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 2004  
WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
7:00 P.M.**

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Raymond E. Silva, on September 27, 2004.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. With 78 qualified voters and 9 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Art. 1: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws by making the following changes or take any action relative thereto:

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Terms and Words

Add the following terms and words and renumber them in alphabetical order

Adult Retirement Community: A self-contained alternative residential community constructed expressly for and specifically limited to use and residency by persons who have achieved a minimum age requirement for residency of at least fifty-five (55) years. Such development should comply in all respects to the requirements of Chapter 151B of the General Laws.

4.0 USE REGULATIONS

4.4 Table of Use Regulations: Amend the Table of Use Regulations by adding the following as Principal Use number 5 under Residential Uses:

5. Adult Retirement	<u>GRF</u>	<u>I</u>
Community	SPB	SPB

5.0 INTENSITY OF USE REGULATIONS

### 5.2.2. Other Dimensional and Density Requirements

Add the following paragraph d. under this Section:

d. The dimensional and density requirements for the principal use of an Adult Retirement Community are contained in Section 8.5 of these by-laws.

### 8.5 Adult Retirement Community

Add the following as a new Section 8.5 to the Zoning By-Laws

#### 8.5. Adult Retirement Community

8.5.1. Purpose. The purposes of this By-law are:

- a. To provide an alternative stand alone single family housing opportunity for persons 55 years of age and older;
- b. To provide an attractive and suitable residential environment that is more amenable to the needs of people in their later years;
- c. To encourage creative and innovative site planning and design, in order to enhance the attractiveness and suitability of this alternative housing type, and to better meet the specific housing needs of this segment of the population;
- d. To encourage the preservation of common land for open space and recreational use by promoting the highest and best utilization of land in harmony with its natural features, and to retain the rural character of the Town; and
- e. To address the affordable housing gap that exists in the Town by fostering an atmosphere conducive to the setting aside of a certain percentage of units in each ARC as age restricted affordable housing units.

8.5.2. Special Permit. The Planning Board is the Special Permit Granting Authority for this By-law. In the General Residential/Farming District, the Business District, and the Industrial District, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit for an Adult Retirement Community (ARC) as defined in this By-law. Since this development constitutes a subdivision, a definitive subdivision plan must be approved by the Planning Board in conjunction with the granting of a Special Permit hereunder.

8.5.3. Definitions. For the purpose of this By-law, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings.

a. Adult Retirement Community (ARC). A self-contained alternative residential community constructed expressly for and specifically limited to use and residency by persons who have achieved a minimum age requirement for residency of at least fifty-five (55) years. Such developments shall comply in all respects to the requirements of Chapter 151B of the General Laws.

b. Community Facility(ies). Developed common areas, constructed solely for the use of the residents of the ARC and their guests. The Community Facility(ies) may include buildings housing activities and amenities, such as game room, entertainment room, sewing room, library, kitchen, laundry facilities, exercise room, toilet facilities, locker rooms for men and women, etc. Facility(ies) may also include outdoor activities and amenities such as swimming pools, gardens, paths and walkways, putting greens, and the like. All Community Facilities shall be designed and maintained in conformance with the latest Massachusetts standards for handicap accessibility.

c. Affordable Housing Units. Units defined as affordable housing by Chapter 40B of the General Laws. At least ten percent (10%) of the units of each ARC must be designated as affordable. Such units must be disbursed throughout the Community, phased in during development, be deed restricted and remain such for perpetuity. Oversight of these units will rest with the Planning Board. Preference for the sale of these units shall be to then current Town residents. A greater percentage may be negotiated between the Planning Board and the Developer in each ARC. The Planning Board may grant a density bonus to the applicant consisting of one additional market rate dwelling unit for each affordable unit so provided.

8.5.4. Adult Retirement Community General Standards. The following general standards shall apply to an ARC:

8.5.4.1. Permitted uses. Land in the ARC is specifically limited to housing for the use, residence and occupancy by persons who have achieved a minimum of fifty-five (55) years of age as provided for in MGL Chapter 151B and to community facilities for residents of the ARC and their guests.

8.5.4.2. Area and Dimensional Requirements.

a. Minimum Tract Size: The tract of land for an ARC must contain at least twenty-five (25) contiguous acres and have at least one hundred fifty (150) feet of frontage on a public way.



b. Lot Area, Frontage, Width and Yard Requirements:

1. Minimum Lot Area: Nine Thousand (9,000) square feet
2. Minimum Lot Frontage: Seventy-five (75) feet
3. Minimum Lot Width: Seventy-five (75) feet
4. Minimum Yard Requirements: Front yard 20 feet, rear yard 15 feet, and side yard 10 feet.

c. The Planning Board may modify the setbacks and distances if it finds that such modified setbacks and distances will not detract from the purpose and intent of the ARC. Any specific setback waiver requests required must be delineated in the ARC application.

8.5.4.3. Building Location Requirements.

- a. No building shall be located within 20 feet of a public way or private way or within 30 feet of the boundary line of the ARC. Accessory structures up to 80 square feet are allowed.
- b. The Planning Board may modify the setbacks and distances if it finds that such modified setbacks and distances will not detract from the purpose and intent of the ARC.

8.5.4.4. Number of Dwellings.

- a. The maximum number of ARC dwelling units in the Town shall be limited to a number equivalent to ten percent (10%) of the existing single-family residential housing units (excluding ARC units) located in the Town. The number of single-family residential housing units for the purpose of this By-law shall be established by the Board of Assessors as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the special permit application is filed.
- b. The maximum number of dwelling units permitted in an ARC shall be computed by dividing the developable area of the ARC tract (in square feet) by one-half (1/2) of the minimum lot size required in the underlying zoning district. For the purpose of this computation, the "developable" area shall be the total area of the tract, including the flood plains, drainage easements and areas subject to existing valid open space restrictions.
- c. The minimum number of dwelling units in any one (1) ARC shall be forty (40).

d. The maximum number of dwelling units in any one (1) ARC shall be 125 unless specifically increased by the Planning Board. This shall not include affordable units granted.

8.5.4.5. Streets and Utilities. All streets in the ARC shall be private ways. All streets, and all sewage, drainage, storm water management facilities and utilities shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations, except as specifically modified by the following design standards:

a. The minimum width of rights-of-way shall be forty (40) feet;

b. The minimum widths of roadways (paved travel area) shall be twenty-two (22) feet for streets providing access for more than 40 dwellings.

c. Common driveways may be used in an ARC. Common driveways must be placed only on or adjacent to lots serviced by the Common Driveway. No more than 3 homes may be serviced by any one Common Driveway.

d. No recreational vehicles, campers, motorized or non-motorized boats or trailers or the like can be parked or stored at an ARC home. The ARC development must provide a recreational storage area for recreational vehicles, campers, motorized or non-motorized boats or trailers. This area shall be screened from the homes in the ARC.

8.5.5. Waivers. Waivers to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations may be authorized by the Planning Board in granting a special permit hereunder provided that the Board determines such waivers are in the public interest and are not inconsistent with the purposes of Section 8.5.1. Documentation accompanying each ARC proposal must specify all of the waivers from the Subdivision Rules and regulations that are being sought with the approval of said ARC.

8.5.6. Conditions. Any plan approved as an ARC must contain or refer to recorded covenants regarding each of the following:

a. The streets within the ARC shall remain permanently a private way, which shall not be extended;

b. The private way shall not be connected to any other way except where it originates on a public way, except another private way within the ARC.

- c. The lots shall obtain access from the private way if, and only if, ownership of the lot provides automatic membership in a homeowner association or any other entity responsible for all maintenance and snow removal of or from the private way. The homeowners association or entity (Association) hereafter shall retain all rights in the private way.
- d. The private way does not meet the standards of the Town for acceptance for new ways and shall not be proposed for such acceptance.
- e. A perpetual easement in favor of the Town (specifically its Water Department) shall be granted to allow access for the maintenance of the water lines and meters as appropriate. The Association must make whatever easement agreements it deems necessary with other public utilities installed in the ARC for the benefit of the residents. Draft copies of such easements must be reviewed by the Planning Board and Town Counsel before the granting of the ARC Special Permit. Copies of the final recorded documents must be presented to the Planning Board upon completion of the ARC before the Planning Board will release the final surety.

#### 8.5.7. Common Land.

8.5.7.1. Dimensional Requirements. In an ARC, at least thirty (30) percent of the total tract area shall be set aside as Common Land for the use of the ARC residents. The following additional requirements shall apply:

- a. The minimum required area of the Common Land shall not contain a greater percentage of wetlands (as defined in MGL Chapter 131, Section 40), than the percentage of wetlands areas found in the overall tract of land on which the ARC is located.
- b. Common Land shall be planned as large, contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels of Common Land shall be permitted only when necessary for providing access to the Common Land from a public or private way, or if the Planning Board finds that a vegetated buffer strip along the site's perimeter is appropriate and consistent with the purpose of ARC development.
- c. Common Land may be set aside in more than one parcel provided that the size, shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses.
- d. The Common Land shall include adequate upland access from a way public or private.



8.5.7.2. Use of the Common Land. The Common Land shall be dedicated and used for natural resource protection, recreation, park purposes, Community Facilities, outdoor education, agriculture, horticulture forestry, or for any combination of such uses. No other uses shall be allowed in the Common Land except as follows:

- a. A portion of the Common Land may also be used for the construction of leaching areas associated with septic disposal systems or sewer treatment facilities serving the ARC or for water supply wells serving the ARC, if the Planning Board determines that such use will enhance the specific purpose of the ARC and promote better overall site planning. Septic disposal easements shall be no larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such treatment plants, leaching areas or wells, the Planning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the lot owners within the ARC in perpetuity.
- b. A portion of the Common Land may also be used for private ways, serving the ARC community as pedestrian walks, bicycle paths and emergency access or egress to the Common Land or adjacent land, if the Planning Board determines that such a use will enhance the specific purpose of the ARC and promote better overall site planning, and if the Planning Board finds that adequate assurances and covenants exist to ensure proper maintenance of such facilities by the owner(s) of the Common Land.
- c. The Common Land may be subject to easements for the construction, maintenance and repair of utility and drainage facilities serving the ARC or adjacent parcels.
- d. The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that an overall maximum of fifteen (15) percent of such land may be subject to pavement and structures accessory to the dedicated use or uses of the Common Land, exclusive of private ways.
- e. The proposed use of the Common Land shall be specified on a plan, and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be part of the deed to the Common Land.
- f. The Planning Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove particular uses proposed for the Common Land in order to enhance the specific purposes of the ARC and to further efforts to equitably distribute a variety of open space benefits throughout the ARC community.

8.5.7.3. Ownership of Common Land. The Common Land shall be conveyed in the whole or in part to a corporation or trust owned or to be owned by the owners of the dwelling units within the ARC, or to an entity responsible for the management of the ARC, or to a non-profit entity, the principal purpose of which is the conservation of open space. (In no case shall ownership of the common land be turned over to the Town.) The Planning Board shall approve the form of ownership of the Common Land.

8.5.7.4. If any portion of the Common Land is turned over to some other entity or the ARC Association, a restriction, approved by the Planning Board and enforceable by the Town, shall be imposed on the use of such land, providing in substance that the land be kept in its open or natural state and that the land shall not be built upon or developed or used except in accordance with provisions of an ARC as set forth herein and, if applicable, as further specified in the decision of the Planning Board governing the individual ARC.

8.5.7.5. The proposed ownership of all Common Land shall be specified for the ARC.

8.5.7.6. At the time of its conveyance (if applicable), the Common Land shall be free of all encumbrances, mortgages or other claims (including pre-existing conservation easements or restrictions), except as to easements, restrictions and encumbrances required or permitted by this By-Law.

8.5.8. Site Development Standards. The following site development standards shall apply to the ARC:

a. Within the ARC, adequate access shall be provided to each dwelling unit. The access shall be convenient and appropriate for residents and emergency services.

b. To the greatest extent possible, open spaces, common land, house sites, streets and house lots shall be designed with due respect to natural landscape features, scenic views, topography, soils and natural drainage patterns.

c. All utilities shall be installed underground.

d. Within the ARC, there shall be a buffer zone of at least twenty-five (25) feet in width around the entire perimeter of the development. The buffer zone shall include natural vegetation, plantings, walls, fences or vegetated earthen berms to provide a screening barrier between the development and the abutting properties. Screening plantings shall be



provided between the wall or fence and the abutting property. The buffer zone and its associated screening barrier shall be designated on the Special Permit Plan. The detailed plan for planting and screening shall be prepared by a registered landscape architect and shall be part of the Special Permit application. The actual requirement regarding buffering, plantings and screenings shall be determined by the Planning Board as part of the Special Permit process.

e. The hydrants and all water mains within the private right of way shall be owned by the Town so that it may service and maintain the property

f. The ARC shall conform with the requirements for a self-contained retirement community as established by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 151B.

8.5.9. Application Process. An application for a Special Permit for an ARC shall be submitted in the following manner:

a. Pre-submission Meeting. Prior to submission of the special permit application to the Board, the applicant is strongly advised to meet with the Town Planner or other Board designee to review the proposed development of the parcel of land, in order to explore general conditions involving the site and to discuss potential problems. Conceptual plans, which should be professionally prepared, will assist in this discussion, and should show the critical features of the ARC plan.

b. Special Permit Application and Definitive Subdivision Plan. The Special Permit application shall contain a plan in the form and with the contents required of a Definitive Subdivision Plan by the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations. The applications for Special Permit and for approval of a Definitive Subdivision Plan shall be filed concurrently. To the extent permitted by law, the Planning Board shall consider both applications at the same time.

8.5.10. Planning Board Action. In evaluating the proposed ARC, the Planning Board shall consider the following:

- a. the general purpose and objectives of this By-law;
- b. the existing and probable future development of surrounding areas;
- c. the appropriateness of the proposed layout of streets, ways, lots and structures; and



d. the proposed layout and use of the Common Land in relation to the proposed dwelling units in the ARC, adjoining public or private common land or open space, or the topography, soils and other characteristics of the tract of land in question.

8.5.10.1. The Planning Board may grant a special permit for an ARC if it finds that the ARC:

- a. complies with the requirements of this Section 8.5., other applicable requirements of the Zoning By-Laws and any regulations and guidelines promulgated thereto, and, where applicable, the construction and design standards of the Town's Subdivision Rules and Regulations;
- b. is consistent with the purposes of this By-law; and
- c. is in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood.

8.5.10.2. If the Special Permit granted under this Section is for more than seventy-five (75) units, the Planning Board may, at its discretion, specify that the construction of the ARC shall be phased in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Phase I (0-12 months from issuance of first dwelling building permit). Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total number of dwelling units approved under the Special Permit. This number shall include a proportionate number of the affordable units as well as commencement on a proportionate amount of the common facilities;
- b. Phase II (12-24 months from issuance of first dwelling building permit). Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units shall not exceed seventy-five percent (75%) of the total number of dwelling units approved under the Special Permit. This number shall include a proportionate number of the affordable units as well as commencement on a proportionate amount of the common facilities;
- c. Phase III (24-36 months from issuance of first building permit). Total number of building permits issued for dwelling units may equal the total number of dwelling units approved under the Special Permit.
- d. No more than one ARC Special Permit per developer per calendar year shall be approved.

8.5.11. Special Permit Conditions.

8.5.11.1. As a condition of approval, the Planning Board may require such changes in the proposed development plans and may impose such conditions and safeguards as it deems necessary to secure the objectives of this By-law, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the neighborhood and the Town.

8.5.11.2. As a condition of the approval, the Planning Board may establish a provision for the expiration of the Special Permit should development of the ARC in accordance with the approved plan not commence within three years. At that time, the Special Permit shall be revoked and the applicant will have to begin the process all over gain.

8.5.12. Change in Plans After Grant of Special Permit. No change in any aspect of the approved plans shall be permitted unless approved in writing by the Planning Board. A new or amended Special Permit will be required if the Planning Board determines any proposed change to be substantial.

8.5.13. Building Permits. No building permit shall be issued for any structure within an approved ARC unless such structure is in compliance with this By-law and with the terms and conditions of the Special Permit issued hereunder.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 5 OF CHAPTER 40A OF THE GENERAL LAWS, THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN'S ZONING BY-LAWS WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO THIS TOWN MEETING.**

**MOTION TO AMENDMENT: 8.5.3.C CHANGE 30 YEARS TO READ PERPETUITY, 8.5.10.C3 CHANGE PHASE II TO READ PHASE III.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION TO AMEND PASSED.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION AS AMENDED PASSED BY DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.**

Art. 2: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the newly codified General By-Laws for the Town, entitled "The Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws, Revised 2004", or take any action relative thereto.

**MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT THE NEWLY CODIFIED GENERAL BY-LAWS FOR THE TOWN, ENTITLED "THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS, REVISED 2004, PRESENTED TO THIS TOWN MEETING.**

**MOTION TO DELETE ARTICLE 33, ENTITLED DEMOLITION DELAY, FROM THE NEWLY CODIFIED GENERAL BY-LAWS PRESENTED TO THIS MEETING.**

**UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION TO DELETE PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE. YES – 45 NO - 21.**

**MOTION WAS MADE THAT ARTICLE 33 BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE NUMBERING OF THE TOWN'S GENERAL BY-LAWS.**

**UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 44: WETLANDS PROTECTION. SECTION 3, JURISDICTION: 3.b: STRIKE "river, stream. creek" SECTION 3, JURISDICTION 3.d: STRIKE EXISTING SENTENCE AND REPLACE WITH "Upon or within two hundred (200) feet of any perennial river, stream or creek. SECTION 9. PERMITS AND CONDITIONS: 9.e: STRIKE "ponds, and lakes"**

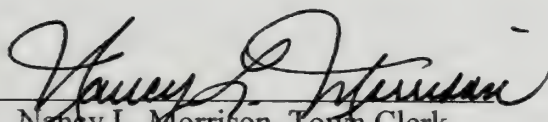
**UPON VOTE, MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE 44 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**UPON VOTE, ARTICLE PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Art. 3: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.**

**MOTION TO ADJOUR AT 8:57 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



**TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER**  
**STATE (PRESIDENTIAL) ELECTION**  
**NOVEMBER 2, 2004**

The Presidential Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, November 2, 2004. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and the by-laws of the Town, posted the Warrant on October 15, 2004, issued by the Board of Selectmen.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by Massachusetts General Laws. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 5100 ballots were given to the wardens, Paul McMahon and Warren Turner, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

The results of the election could not be certified until a meeting of the Board of Registrars was held on November 15, 2004. The meeting was held to tabulate the overseas ballots that were postmarked on or before November 2, 2004 and received by November 12, 2004. Three (3) overseas ballots were received of which two (2) were received within the timeframe. Six provisional ballots had been voted and two (2) were validated and tabulated at this time.

There was a total of 3719 ballots cast. Included in this total were 226 absentee ballots and 2 provisional ballots.

The following election workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beauleau, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marion Loughman, Barbara Roulstone and Helen Cronin, Checkers; Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Joan McAndrew, Clerk; Linda Craig, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty, and Marilyn Raleigh, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Alison Hurney assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election results were as follows:

		<u>Prec. I</u>	<u>Prec. II</u>	<u>Total</u>
PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT				
Badnarik & Campagna	Lib.	11	11	22
Bush & Cheney	Rep.	1028	963	1991
Cobb & LaMarche	Gr. Rbow.	4	5	9
Kerry & Edwards	Dem.	809	859	1668
Ralph Nader		2	4	6
Blanks		7	5	12
Write-In		7	4	11
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Stephen F. Lynch	Dem.	1248	1210	2458
Blanks		609	626	1235
Write-In		11	15	26
COUNCILLOR				
Kelly A. Timilty	Dem.	1157	1152	2309
Blanks		705	688	1393
Write-In		6	11	17
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Brian A. Joyce	Dem.	1178	1165	2343
Blanks		683	677	1360
Write-In		7	9	16
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Christine E. Canavan	Dem.	1022	1068	2090
Mark W. Chauppette	Rep.	720	636	1356
Blanks		124	147	271
Write-In		2	0	2
SHERIFF				
Joseph F. McDonough	Dem.	618	707	1325
Joseph D. McDonald, Jr.	Rep.	1116	988	2104
Blanks		128	155	283
Write-In		6	1	7
COUNTY COMMISSIONER Not more than 2				
John Patrick Riordan	Dem.	855	858	1713
Jeffrey M. Welch	Dem.	688	681	1369
Blanks		2186	2156	4342
Write-In		7	7	14

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Brockton

Winnifred E. Petkunas	1222	1182	2404
Blanks	638	664	1302
Write-In	8	5	13

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Foxborough

Robert A. Girardin	1145	1097	2242
Blanks	714	751	1465
Write-In	9	3	12

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mansfield

William F. Flannery	733	718	1451
Andrea Micheli	562	536	1098
Blanks	568	595	1163
Write-In	5	2	7

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Norton

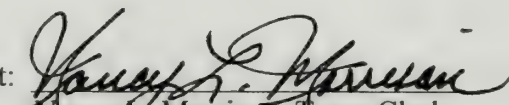
Christopher DeLeo	795	816	1611
John Luti	379	318	697
Blanks	688	7146	1404
Write-In	6	1	7

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECH. SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Sharon

Mindy M. Kempner	1127	1058	2185
Blanks	733	785	1518
Write-In	8	8	16

A true copy, Attest:

  
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk



CHIEF OF POLICE  
DONALD H. CLARK

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*Town of West Bridgewater*  
*Police Department*  
*West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379*



02/25/05

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2004.

The past year has been a time of tremendous change within our department. We had three officers retire. Chief Robert Kominsky and Officer William Ferretti retired in July. Sergeant William Stoddard retired in December. There have been other changes and additions as well. W. Kevin Johnson was appointed Sergeant in October and we also added two new officers, Nixon and Winkler, in October. These two new officers replaced Kominsky and Ferretti. The third position will be filled during the next fiscal year.

Another change in personnel, is that Officer Ann Savignano is no longer the D.A.R.E. officer. She has been replaced by Officer Kenneth Thaxter. Officer Savignano was the D.A.R.E. officer for the past fifteen years. I would like to thank Officer Savignano for her years as a D.A.R.E. officer. She has no doubt had a profound impact on a number of children that have passed thru the school system.

Fiscal constraints continue to a major issue. As a public safety department, we are forced to maintain a high level of service, yet have no control over the number of calls for service that we must answer. We are constantly investigating alternate revenue sources such as grants, to fund various activities. One example of this funding is the WEB task force, a collaboration of the three Bridgewaters. The task force is funded thru grant money and has made a tremendous impact on drug activity in the three towns. I would like to commend all of the officers that have been involved in the task force.

I would like to thank all of the officers of the department for their professionalism and their continuing efforts to provide a safe community for the residents. I would also like to thank the other town departments for their co-operation.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2004.

Homicides	0
Larceny	159
Arrest (total)	332
Protective Custody	34
Assault	30
Robbery	5
Breaks (Residential and Commercial)	24
Rapes	6
Attempted Rapes	0
Indecent Assault and Battery	3
Operating Under the Influence	72
Open and Gross Lewdness	0
Child Abuse	12
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Served	79
Domestic Abuse Calls	24
Miscellaneous	
Officers Assaulted	6
Vehicles Stolen	19
Vehicles Recovered	18
Vandalism	86
Alarms Answered	697
911 Calls Received	1,227
Total Calls for Service	10,705
Traffic	
Investigated Accidents	272
Fatal	1
Non Investigated Accidents	237
Citations	
Warnings	486
Civil Violations	904
Arrest	223
Criminal Violations	339
Total Violations	1952

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2004

Pistol Permit & F.I.D. issued		\$2,800.
License to Sell Firearms & Ammunition		\$0.
Receipts for copies of Police Reports		\$1,805.
Parking Fines	\$761	
Brockton District Court fines	\$56,300.	
Fines from Registry of Motor Vehicles	\$50,548.40	
Total Fines Collected	\$107,609.40	
10% Surcharge Collected from Outside Details	\$8,427.90	
Alarm Billing Collected	\$8,450.	
Total Monies Collected	\$116,902.30	

Respectfully Submitted,



Donald H. Clark,  
Chief of Police



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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2004.

Dog Licenses	903
Number taken to court for unlicensed dogs	55
Number of animal related calls	181
Dog fines collected	\$1,185.
Kennel costs	\$2,247.50
Animal Control Officer cost	\$1,227.50
Court fines collected	\$1,435.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Clark  
Chief of Police



OFFICE OF  
EDONARD T. HUNT  
CHIEF

# TOWN of WEST BRIDGEWATER

## FIRE / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my fifteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2004.

### Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fifteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and five (5) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

In October of 2004, Deputy Chief Richard W. Gibson retired from the department after over 36 years of service to the town, both as a full time firefighter and as a call firefighter. I would like to take this opportunity, publicly, to express my sincere appreciation to him for his years of dedicated service to me, the department, and the town.

After Deputy Chief Gibson's retirement, Captain Allen A. Breer was promoted to the rank of Deputy Chief and Lieutenant Paul T. Golder was promoted to the rank of Captain.

### Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 1977 Dodge 4 wheel drive (government surplus) pick up truck (presently out of service), Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

## **Statistical Report**

During 2004, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand four hundred and ninety (2490) incidents. Since July 1<sup>st</sup>, we have been averaging over two hundred and fifty (250) runs per month. If this rate continues, and there is no indication that it will not, we will easily exceed three thousand (3000) incidents handled by this department.

Of this figure for 2004, one thousand two hundred and fifty four (1254) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand two hundred and thirty six (1236), were for emergency medical services. For the third year in a row, we responded to slightly more fire calls than ambulance calls.

## **Training**

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

## **Inspections**

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

## **Requests and Recommendations**

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will continue to move us closer toward my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, we are rapidly approaching the point where we just do not have adequate staffing available to handle the demands placed on the department. When a second, third, or sometimes fourth incident occurs, and this scenario is playing out on a more and more frequent basis, we must have the personnel available to respond.



When a fire or medical emergency happens, it's not a situation where we can ask the person to wait. We must respond immediately. We must either provide the additional manpower or the additional overtime monies necessary to call back off duty personnel, and then hope they're available.

I am also requesting this year that we purchase a four wheel drive pick up truck. I am a firm believer in the fact that fire department personnel should not be required to use their own private vehicle to do work for the town. On multiple occasions, a pick up truck has been necessary to retrieve equipment from the scene of an incident, or, on one occasion, tow the fire departments boat to a water rescue. In these instances, fire department members, understanding that the need existed, have used their own trucks. I believe this is wrong and should be corrected.

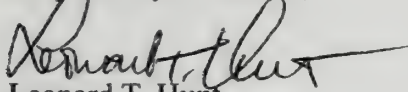
In closing, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the towns Administrator Elizabeth Faricy, and confidential secretaries Donna Larson and Jackie Lee for their continued support of this office.

Along these same lines, I need to say thank you to Highway Superintendent Tom Green, Highway Foreman Bill Kovatis, and the Highway Department staff for their excellent cooperation with this department. On numerous occasions over the last year, they have gone above and beyond the call of duty to help this department in all kinds of situations. From equipment maintenance to supplying extra manpower when we just needed a "few extra hands" at the scene of an incident, they were always there when we needed them and should be publicly acknowledged. This department will always be grateful.

I must also express my sincere appreciation to my own secretary, Dawne Holyoke, who keeps the ever changing demands on my office on an even keel.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard T. Hunt", written over a horizontal line.

Leonard T. Hunt  
Chief



## Town of West Bridgewater

OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS 02379

JOHN W. NOYES  
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January 01, 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

During the year a total of 243,847,225 gallons of water were pumped. This is 21,747,541 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on October 06, 2004 when 1,979,200 gallons were pumped. The largest month was July with 26,238,592 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 5-11 with 6,390,771 gallons being pumped.

With 243,847,225 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,138,910 gallons purchased from Easton, a total of 244,986,135 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 669,910 gallons.

Over the past year 18 new services were installed. Our number of services now totals 2,595.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 490 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department's highly skilled personnel continued with our meter replacement program. We installed the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings into our computer. The meters give us monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our record keeping. Unaccounted for water is now at a new all time low

of 1/2 %. American Water Works standards call for 10% or under to be a well run tight system.

In 2004 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. This is the first time in the history of the water department that such a preventative maintenance project has been carried out. The object of this project is to clean the debris from every gate box in the town and either rebuild or replace them when necessary. The second part of the project, after rehabilitating the gate box, is to exercise the gate valve with the new computerized gate valve operator. These valves are operated in order to assure that they can be easily operated in an emergency. Any gate that is found to not be in working order is dug up and replaced. We replaced 10 gates and 18 gate boxes in 2004 that were found to be malfunctioning. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become of critical importance. It plays a big part in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project four years ago it has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

The Water Department started the construction of the iron removal plant in the spring of 2003 on a 3.3 acre lot on Manley Street. Winston Builders was awarded the contract as the general contractor. The plant was brought on line in April of 2004 using ultra violet light to meet the states disinfecting rule, allowing us to keep the water tasteless and odorless. Miox is generated on site and used as an oxidizing agent to remove the iron along with potassium hydroxide for P.H. adjustment. The new plant is producing 500 gallons per minute of extremely high quality water with no taste or odor and free of all iron and manganese.

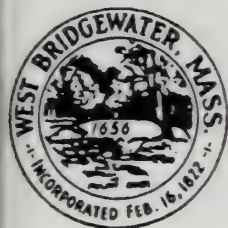
As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all seven wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. Unfortunately M.B.T.E. a gas additive was found in three of our pumping stations wells for the first time in very low levels. This has caused us much concern and we have supported a new bylaw that prohibits any new fuel storage in West Bridgewater.



We now have four corrosion control facilities on line, one on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5, and a third at station 1 on Cyr Street and the iron removal plant has corrosion control built into the treatment process we continue to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule. We have earned another 3 year testing wavier from the D.E.P. due to the great results.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,  
John W. Noyes, Chairman  
Donald Asack, Clerk  
David Churchill, Member  
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent



## Department of Forestry and Parks

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**Christopher D. Iannitelli**  
*Forestry Superintendent*  
*Tree Warden*  
*Mass. Certified Horticulturist*

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2004, 92 Town trees were removed or trimmed. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. Mass Electric helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an Eleventh Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and Rose L. Macdonald Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated from our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
1991 F-150 Ford pick-up	2000 Kubota Tractor

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.

Holiday Decoration Fund – used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for all public areas in Town.

Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series.

Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the Town playground.

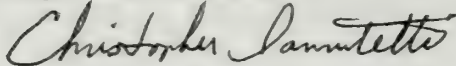
Our 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2004. Five concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2005 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual “Culture for Children” summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2005 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

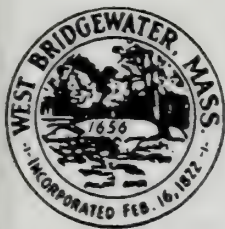
I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Christopher Iannitelli".

Christopher D. Iannitelli  
Forestry and Parks Superintendent





# **The Highway Department**

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**Thomas C. Green**  
*Highway Superintendent*

## **Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2004 annual report for the Highway Department.

### **Equipment**

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

2003 F-750 dump truck	2004 Volvo Loader L-60E
2001 F550 dump truck	1997 1-ton dump truck
1987 L900 dump truck	1993 F150 pickup
1993 F800 dump truck	1998 Crown Vic car
1998 F800 dump truck	2000 Street sweeper
1975 Sidewalk plow	1975 roadside mower
1970 Bucket loader	1992 John Deere backhoe
5 road sanding attachments	1974 Massey Ferguson tractor

### **Chapter 90**

Through this State roadwork fund and with the assistance of Liz Lapointe, District 5 Inspector, we were able to pave Plain Street. We also did a full depth reclamation with paving, on Pleasant Street and utilized \$110,000 to purchase a new L-60E Volvo Loader.

### **Manley Street Reconstruction Project**

This project is continuing forward in the engineering phase. Plans are currently being reviewed by Massachusetts State Highway for final comments and changes. This 3.8 million project is still moving forward. Hopefully this will go out to bid this Spring.

### **Winter Conditions**

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 20 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Four of our trucks have been outfitted to use liquid calcium as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions. We also incurred three plowable snow storms.

### **School Projects**

We helped clean the High School of obsolete equipment, swept the school twice with the Street Sweeper, cleaned drains, repaired a basin at the Spring Street School, and

cleaned up after the High School Thanksgiving bonfire. We jack hammered the entrance to the Spring Street School to meet ADA requirements, and formed an entrance for the new concrete. We also installed ADA signs, and applied hot mix where necessary.

**Library**

To provide better drainage, we installed an 8” drain around the Library.

**Transfer Station**

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to \$11,460.00 this year. The cost for trash hauling increased to \$45 per ton and recycling costs vary between \$10-\$20 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3211 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 332 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. I wish to thank Richard Jefferson for his efforts to please all residents everyday. All new concrete pads were poured by the Highway Department and a fourth pad was poured for a future compactor. We screened 200 yards of compost, which was tested by USMASS for resident usage.

**Street Sweeper**

The sweeper was out on a daily basis, cleaning the streets of the Town.

**Drainage Projects**

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

			2004
Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street	Highland to Elm St
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street	Elm Square
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street	Walnut Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106	Howard St, West St., Pleasant St., East Center St., East Street

We installed 360’ of drainage with manhole and catch basins to help drainage on Beacon Street. We opened drains on Route 106 at new 40B Project from West Street, south under Route 106,m and continued cleaning swale along Lincoln Street.

**New Seniors Center**

We blacktopped the entire parking lot, installed septic counter box, dug and installed electric service from outside the building to the box and also monitored the parking lot oil trap.

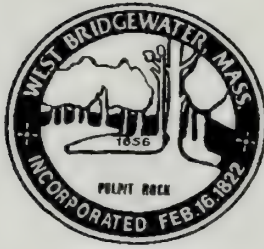
**Guard Rails**

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on Walnut Street, South Elm Street, East Street and East Center Street.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department. Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Green  
Highway Superintendent





*Town of West Bridgewater*  
**COUNCIL ON AGING**

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2004. I am happy to report that the participation and programs of the Dep. of Elder Services continue to grow. It's a great department have in our community.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	5,613	
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated)	6,274	
Fuel Assistance Applicants	31	
Dial A Bat Trips (dup.)	1,331	
COA Shuttle Client Trips (dup.)	3,905	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (dup.)	3,654	
Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	27	5
Supportive Care Clients	17	
Line Dancing Program participants (dup.)	693	
Bridge Club (dup.)	1,390	
Outreach Contacts	310	
Flu Clinic Participation	262	
Blood Pressure Test participants	108	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	12	
Tai Chi participants (dup.)	384	
Education & Senior Outreach Programs	7	
Book		
Discussion Group	23	
Mah Jongg participants	8	
Knitting & Craft Club participants	6	
Hearing test participants	14	
Bingo participants (dup.)	3,022	
Special events (dup.)	523	

The one problem we have is our continuous shortage of volunteers to help with our programs. I would love to here from anyone who would like to be involved. Please feel free to come and see us any time and offer help or suggestions of any programs you would like.

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf  
Director Of Elder Services



**WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Department of Special Education  
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**Linda R. Naimey  
Director of Special Education**

**Annual Report from the Director of Special Education**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

I respectfully submit the 2005 Annual Report for the Special Education Department. I begin my first year as the Director of Special Education for West Bridgewater Public Schools with great pride in our school system. Having worked in the school system for more than 15 years, I can report with confidence that we have teachers that work very hard to accomplish our goals. First and foremost we work to include every student in an educational setting that meets their needs while keeping them included with their peers as much as possible. Indeed, West Bridgewater is in many ways a model for other school systems.

Spring Street School houses our Early Childhood Center. Pre-school students from the age of three are included with Play Pals in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. Our Kindergarten Program has an optional all-day program and special needs students are included in both full and half-day settings.

Our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Street Schools, provide services both in the classroom and in special settings with the help of Special Education Teachers and Instructional Assistants. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education help both in class and in directed or individual settings.

System-wide, we have two speech therapists that provide articulation and language services as needed for students in Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. An Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) Teacher provides individual or in class support for those students who need additional support with motor skills.

Services for Occupational Therapy (O.T.) and Physical Therapy (P.T.) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or physical disabilities receive their services from Collaborative staff. This service allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is part of both the READS Collaborative and the North River Collaborative. Our association with these Collaboratives allows us access to specialized services, testing and placements for our students.

In the spring of each year, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening of all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, screening is offered during the year for children as they turn 3 years of age

In summary, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department provides a comprehensive program of screening, assessment and special education services. The staff of the Special Education Department is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to their students.

Respectively submitted.

*Linda R. Naimey*

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Director of Special Education





## West Bridgewater School Committee

2 Spring Street  
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts

*Nancy Maloney, Chairperson*  
*William McCole, Vice Chairperson*  
*Kathy Grant, Clerk*  
*Anne Iannitelli*  
*Brian Read*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

In 2004, the School Department faced the financial struggles associated with a struggling economy. In order to produce additional revenue, the School Department explored and accepted the Massachusetts School Choice program. This program allows non-resident students to attend our schools for tuition fee that is paid by the sending school district. The School Department accepted 94 School Choice students in 2004. Through the Schools Choice program, we have realized financial gains that equate to increased offerings for our students.

Once again, this past year our students continued to demonstrate excellence in academics and extra-curricula activities. For the fourth straight year, all our students met the state graduation requirements by passing MCAS. For the second year in a row, our Varsity Girl's Softball team secured a state championship. Our academic and extra-curricula activities are highlighted by students that excel, and their accomplishments are proof of the high quality of our school district.

As we look forward to 2005, the School Committee is driven to continue to work in a collaborative manner toward the best possible education for all school children that attend our schools.

Respectively submitted,

*Nancy Maloney*  
Nancy Maloney, Chairperson

*William McCole*  
William McCole, Vice Chairperson

*Kathy Grant*  
Kathy Grant, Clerk

*Anne Iannitelli*  
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*Brian Read*  
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### **Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system. There is a definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, and other Town Committees. Because of our dedicated staff who contribute their time, energy, effort and resources to our children, the School Department is able to continue to provide quality education to each child.

Accomplishments and highlights of 2004 include:

#### **Inter-District School Choice**

- Inter-District School Choice was unanimously adopted by the School Committee in May of 2004. This was the first time that the school district voted to participate in the program that allows the district to accept students from other towns and to be compensated for each student attending our schools. The previous two budget cycles contained little or no additional state aid under Chapter 70 and with contractual obligations, and energy costs rising, the district's budget was being strangled. School choice appeared to be a creative way to save the district from dismantling programs, increasing class size, and charging exorbitant fees to parents.
- To date School Choice has been a huge success. Nine communities participated in the program enabling approximately 90 students in grades 1-12 from nearby communities to attend the West Bridgewater Public Schools. Reimbursement per student by the State of Massachusetts enabled the school department to:
  - Restore a full-time Grade 6 teacher position;
  - Restore a full-time Art teacher position;
  - Hire a full-time reading teacher at the Rose L. MacDonald School;
  - Hire a part-time Guidance Counselor at the High School;
  - Hire a part-time Tech Specialist for the District;
  - Hire tutors for the Howard and Rose L. MacDonald Schools;
  - Eliminate bus fees for parents;
  - Eliminate expensive athletic fees for parents;
  - Hire a part-time Physical Education teacher at the High School.



### Full-Day Kindergarten

Full-Day Kindergarten option was again offered to our younger community. The second year of a three-year early childhood education grant enabled our staff to provide over 40 students with a full day program. We also developed an extended day program serving parent's childcare needs early in the morning and late in the afternoon.

### West Bridgewater Education Foundation

A group of parents worked with administration to investigate the interest and viability of the school community in establishing an educational foundation. This non-profit corporation would be comprised of community members who would work to procure funds for system-wide support and academic enrichment of the West Bridgewater Public Schools. These funds could be used to support the development of innovative programs, curriculum, and enrichment, with particular attention to academic needs that exceed the parameters of the school budget. This foundation would be able to accept gifts and donations from individuals and businesses that require the credentials of non-profit status as a condition for making matching donations to the West Bridgewater Public Schools.

### Connect-Ed

We have been using our new Connect-Ed telephoning system frequently. Parents seem to be pleased with the enhanced communications. We can call and deliver brief important messages to certain target groups or the entire school and faculty population in 5 minutes. There is about a 3 second delay that is activated when you say hello. There is also an option to repeat the message if a young child picks up first. Please give us feedback as we experiment with this new technology tool.

### "Superintendent's Corner" Cable Shows

This year I have filmed and produced a 10 part series on mathematics instruction K-12. Dr. Patricia Oakley, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and I interview teachers about teacher's math instruction and then show film footage from classroom lessons being taught at the Rose L. Mac Donald, Howard and Middle/Senior High Schools. The productions gave an opportunity for the community to view our highly skilled teachers working their craft.

As noted in the District's Strategic Plan, the primary goal of the West Bridgewater Public Schools is to consistently find ways to increase student achievement. Student achievement is measured in a number of ways; however, the federal government requires that one of those measures be through our state testing program (MCAS). The accountability provision of the *No Child Left Behind Act* also requires that each school make adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting a national goal of all students being "proficient" in mathematics and English by the year 2104. I am pleased to announce that the West Bridgewater Public Schools have once again made AYP in all schools and grade levels for the 2003-2004 reporting cycle.

The school community, a closely knit group, have once again kept their focus on what is the best intent of the children of the Town of West Bridgewater and have worked with the administrators to do more for the schools with fewer dollars in the school budget. I applaud the efforts of our teachers who work so diligently on behalf of our students.

Many thanks to the School Committee, parents, teachers, administration, and staff for their tireless efforts for the students of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert H. White*

Robert H. White, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools





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**JOYCE R. FRANCIS**  
Principal

### Town Report of the Howard School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

Howard School began the school year for students on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 with 277 students in grades four, five, and six. All faculty and staff reported to school on Tuesday September 7 and on Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> all staff participated in a school wide professional development workshop for Special Education.

Once again, personnel changes had a significant impact on the Howard School. Mrs. Deborah Holland filled in as our permanent substitute grade 6 Social Studies teacher for Mr. DeMello until January 2005. Mrs. Kimberly Collins our band instructor moved to Spring Street School at the end of November to teach Kindergarten and Mr. Joseph Heffernan finished the school year as our new band instructor. Mrs. Debbie Kelley and Ms Sarah Dowling joined the fifth grade teaching staff and Ms Melissa Persson became our new sixth grade science teacher. In addition, Mrs. Donna DePaola became our new health teacher.

Students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS). In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library Science and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

Once again, the students at the Howard School were also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular programs through our participation with the North River Collaborative under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs. We thank Ms Sarah Dowling for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. The programs include: After School Athletics, Computer Classes, Sign Language Classes, Dance, Art, and Creative Crafts.

Mrs. Sally Romano continued on in the role of Language Arts Team Leader for the Howard School. She met regularly with the staff in grades four, five and six to develop writing rubrics. All students in grades four five and six participated in district wide long composition development. The emphasis in language arts continues to be one that encourages students to develop excellent communication skills both through oral communication and written communication. In the area of reading, students are continually encouraged to develop and improve their reading level and use their reading skills to learn. At the intermediate level, the emphasis continues to be reading and writing to learn. This year students in the sixth grade competed for the third year in the Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge. Ms. Krystina Leitao, champion of the Howard School, won the right to participate in the Massachusetts State Championship Word Power Challenge which was held in Easthampton, MA on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

A significant amount of time and energy was spent on professional development in the area of Mathematics. Evelyn Bandlow, Howard School Mathematics Team Leader, continued to work with all teachers in grades 4-6 to improve our math skills. During the months of January and February, all students participated in a "Know Your Multiplication Facts" program. Students took a weekly test of 100 multiplication facts to see if they could improve their knowledge of the facts. In addition, a Family Math night was held for students and parents in March.

Mrs. Jeanne Menton, Howard School Social Studies/Science Team Leader has worked with the teachers to update our science and social studies curriculum. In addition, Mrs. Menton organized the National Geographic Geography Bee. This year, Timothy Gross, a fifth grade student became the school Geography Bee Champion.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library again continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year and the Friends of the Library under the direction of Marianne Lorrain arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the RIF program.

The West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the Howard School students with many enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Native Americans, An Egyptian Specialist, Learning About China, Jason Newton, the Map Maker, Amelia Earhart; as well as funding for student participation in the Mathematics Olympiad program and the National Geographic Geography Bee and for various other necessary educational materials. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

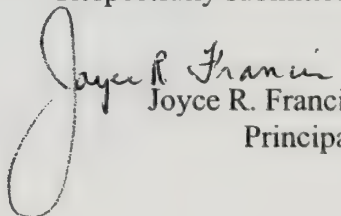
The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students. Students are involved in group activities, individual learning activities and cooperative learning activities. All instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student.

The Howard School Council met on the second Thursday of the month throughout the school year. Council members include: Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Mrs. Sherry Harris, Mrs. Christine Bertarelli, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mrs. Maureen Rosa, Mrs. Jeanne Menton, and Mrs. Marie Dowling. They reviewed the Howard School budget, revised the school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Howard School building the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of all of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

**"We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care."**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Joyce R. Francis  
Principal





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**Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School**

To the Honorable Selectman and the citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Rose L. MacDonald School houses four classes of grades one, two and three, for a total of twelve classrooms. As of January 1, 2005, 264 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald. Faculty includes twelve certified classroom teachers, two certified special education teachers, four certified special education assistants, a full time school nurse, and a school secretary. A school psychologist provides counseling and administers testing for student team evaluations. The speech and language pathologist who services students in need of language related concerns is shared with the WB Middle/Senior High School and Spring St School. A part-time instructional technology specialist has helped students and teachers integrate subject content with Internet resources and education software.

While the district did not qualify for Title One federal funds this year, the school was able, thanks to money provided through the school choice option in West Bridgewater, to provide academic support services for students. The position of a full time reading specialist was reinstated and a math specialist was obtained. These two positions have provided support and early intervention for students in reading and math.

The Massachusetts Frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program*. It is an engaging, hands-on program that scaffolds learners as they move from concrete to abstract and symbolic processes in math cognition.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. The Houghton Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* program is the reading program currently utilized at each grade level.

Professional development continues to provide teachers with ongoing opportunities to acquire knowledge that will improve student achievement in Math, English Language Arts, Science and Technology. Instructional teams of teachers across grade levels meet with Curriculum Coordinator Dr. Oakley to review curriculum needs in all content areas and focus on continually improving student achievement. Many teachers have facilitated courses for colleagues, allowing them to share areas of expertise with their fellow teachers during professional in-service days throughout the year.



School council meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Rose L. MacDonald School, at which parents, teachers and community members meet with the principal. Based on the council's recommendations, a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming year that align with the district's Strategic Plan.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its second year. Under the leadership of School Nurse Julie Amaral, the After School Program Coordinator, and with the help of teachers as program leaders, a variety of courses on drama, arts and crafts, technology, reading and music are offered to youngsters during the sixteen weeks the program is run.

A new Surround Care program that provides childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with convenient and affordable care for their children both before and after school. Mrs. Donna Aprea, Mrs. Ginny Hoadley, Ms. Molly Gilmore, and Ms. Jennifer Nersessian organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students in grades one through six.

P.T.O. president Mrs. Cindi Vanderstreet, along with the P.T.O. officers and members, has continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide many enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provides teachers with support by volunteering time in a variety of helpful ways, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town resident Mariann Lorrain and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the parents, faculty, and staff of the Rose L. MacDonald School, who continue to work cohesively and with unwavering commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive education for the youngest citizens of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

*Linda G. Dubin*

Mrs. Linda G. Dubin  
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### **Town Report of the Spring Street School**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School has truly developed into an Early Childhood Education Center that caters to the unique needs of children ages 3 through 5. Currently there are two Integrated Pre School Classes, four Kindergarten Classes (two full day classrooms and two half day classrooms) and one Pre-school Playtime Class.

The school year for these students began on Monday, September 13, 2004 with 37 students in pre-school and 84 students in kindergarten and 25 in the pre-school playtime program. In addition, to the regular day programs, the West Bridgewater Public Schools also has a "Surround Care" or "Before and After School Child Care" program.

There were several staff changes and additions at the Spring Street School. These include Ms Kristin Dorrance, our Before and After School teacher, Ms Molly Gilmour and Mrs. Katie Ryan joined our school as the new Integrated Pre-school teacher and instructional assistant. Mrs. Kimberly Collins became our new Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Kristin Martin and Mrs. Dorothy Houle joined Mrs. Walsh's classroom as instructional assistants and Mrs. Elizabeth Weldon joined Mrs. Sidman's class as an instructional assistant.

Students receive daily instruction in readiness and pre-reading, writing and mathematics instruction. We have been certified by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) and special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for their school experience. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students and all instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

We would like to thank the West Bridgewater P.T.O for provided the Spring Street School with the annual PTO Book Fair, Read Across America, and Mother Goose.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council met throughout the school year to find ways to improve the facility and programs. Council members include: Mrs. Anita Lebreque, Mrs. Christina Reed, Mrs. Kenneally-Brower, Mrs. Sandra Walsh and Mrs. Joyce Francis. The Council reviewed the Spring Street School budget, developed a new school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Early Childhood Center the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of all of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce R. Francis".  
Joyce R. Francis  
Principal



## WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



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### TOWN REPORT FOR THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 2004 was very successful for the students in the Middle/Senior High School.

All members of our class of 2006 have passed the state mandated MCAS tests. As I am sure you are aware, a student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS exams. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006 have passed. In addition, we had one student attain a perfect score on the English/Language Arts exam, while another student had a perfect score on the Mathematics exam.

All members of the class of 2004 have been accepted to go on to post secondary education, except for one student, and he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in November of his senior year. It is very unusual to have such a high number of students furthering their education. Some of the colleges our seniors were accepted at include: Wheaton College, Boston University, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Mt. Holyoke College, Seton Hall University, Clemson University, DePaul University, Worcester Tech, Clarkson University, and Savannah College of Art and Design. Many others chose to stay closer to home with acceptances to Bridgewater State College, Stonehill College, and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

In the area of athletics, our teams won one state championship, five league championships and had nine teams qualify for MIAA tournament play. The boys' basketball team progressed to the sectional semi-finals while the girls' team made the sectional finals. This means that the girls' team was in the top 8 in the state. The girls' softball team won the MIAA State Championship for the second consecutive year. This is truly a remarkable accomplishment considering the number of females enrolled in the school.

The West Bridgewater Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation or disability.



In addition to the team accomplishments, 45 student athletes were selected as league all stars, nine as Brockton Enterprise All Scholastic, and six coaches selected as coaches of the year.

In the area of financial grants, the Health and Physical Education program was a recipient of a Carol M. White P.E.P. grant which allowed the school to purchase cardiovascular and weight training equipment. This grant also allowed for monies for members of the physical education staff to be nationally certified fitness instructors. The school was also the recipient of grants to purchase "smart boards" for our math department and equipment for our science department.

In the fine arts, we had three Silver Place winners in the Boston Globe Scholastic Art competition. Our annual holiday concert had to be held in the gymnasium as we had 165 students taking part with over 500 guests in attendance.

The Middle/Senior High School had 61 students enroll through the "school choice program." The monies that came from this program allowed us to restore many positions that we lost due to previous budget cuts. The restored positions include a full time social studies teacher, a part-time television-media position, a part-time school social worker, and a part-time physical education teacher. We were also able to hire a part-time Instructional Technology teacher, a special education teacher, as well as outfitting a new computer lab. We also were able to introduce a full-time foreign language program to grade 8 with the hiring of an additional teacher. The moneys also paid for new textbooks for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II programs. Whereas neighboring school districts have been facing severe financial hardships, the school choice program has allowed us to continue to offer the very best to the students of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lew Klaiman*

Lew Klaiman  
Principal

## REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Eugene Kostecki, School Committee Member*

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty vocational/technical training programs at its high school and five post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2004, 1,196 students were enrolled in the high school and 136 students were enrolled in the technical institute. West Bridgewater had 55 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional is affiliated with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to develop ways to improve the delivery of vocational-technical education to our students. The SREB and their High Schools That Work (HSTW) program is a nationally-recognized school reform network. Much of the improvements of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores, including increased promotion, retention and graduation rates for Southeastern students are the result of improvements that were initiated through the HSTW program. The HSTW reform initiative is funded through grants from the Massachusetts Department of Education under the Comprehensive School Reform program. The teacher-lead HSTW team developed an action plan for the next three years focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics and an Advisor/Advisee program for incoming students. Teachers and administrators from Southeastern Regional shared their successes through presentations at the HSTW national conference this year.

Southeastern Regional continues to receive grants from a variety of state and federal sources that augment local funds to improve and expand the education services we provide. Southeastern continues its collaboration with MY TURN, a private non-profit organization based in Brockton, providing students with school-to-career activities.

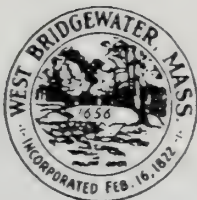
Southeastern Regional graduated 234 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Students from the Class of 2004 were required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the class received diplomas after meeting this requirement. Placement records indicate that 96.1% of the Class of 2004 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post secondary education.

Program Advisory Committees met in November to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of industry representatives, parents, and students met again in April to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern.

The Southeastern Technical Institute continues to operate five, full-time day programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). The Technical Institute works closely with the business community to assure students' skills match the skills required by employers. The strongest labor market demand in this area continues to be in the health care field.

The Evening School has expanded to four nights, Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three-night per week courses. Special computer courses for seniors are also offered. The Technical Institute is interested in offering additional customized training programs to business and industry.





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### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

The year 2004 brought the implementation of the Futures Grant offering \$8,200 in futures oriented programming with lectures and hands-on activities for children, young adults, and adults. The formal title was "Libraries 'ThinkAbout' the Future: Discover the Future at Your Public Library". The programs were presented at the Howard School and the Middle/Senior High School as well as the Public Library. This federal Library Resources and Technology Act (L.S.T.A.) grant was allocated through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners (M.B.L.C.). The Library worked as a team with Norwell Public Library in the writing and administration of the Grant to bring speakers such as Dr. David Gallo, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, speaking on newly discovered life in the deep ocean, Don Salvatore, Museum of Science, speaking on the scanning electron microscope, Robotics Club of Bridgewater/Raynham High School, demonstrating their current prizewinning robot, Dr. John Murray, computer graphics expert, speaking on bioethical issues of the future, Dr. Joel Sokolsky, Fulbright Scholar at Bridgewater State College, speaking on American and Canadian foreign and defense policy, Mike Wankum, chief meteorologist for "The Ten O'clock News" on WLVI-TV (WB56), speaking on the career of meteorology and weather concepts, and Detective Kenneth Martin, State Police, speaking on the work of the technologically advanced CSI unit. In the fall programs with a futures theme presented to children at the Library were Stargazer's Apprentice, Oceans Away, and Healthy Choices. With grant funds the Library purchased books, periodical subscriptions, videos, and DVDs on technological and social issues of the future. The Library has been honored to bring this grant to patrons to provide new and improved local services.

"Explore Other Worlds @ Your Library", the summer reading program theme, attracted 190 children for a successful summer of reading activities. The end of program ice cream party featured the mime/storytelling performance of Scot Canon's Classics With a Twist. The children received their certificates at the same time. Other events presented were story time and crafts, Camp Library, teddy bear story time, beach party story time, poetry contest, art contest, Farmer Minor and Daisy the Pig, Sing along Concert with Amy and Bill Lyons, Science Magic from the Museum of Science, Harry Potter costume party, princess story time, talent contest, photography contest, the Red Cross Babysitting course, and the weekly summer reading raffle with donated prizes from local businesses and individuals. Mad About Math, Mad Science of Greater Boston, and Fun with Energy were summer programs funded with grant money from the Trustees of the Howard Funds. The WB Cultural Council sponsored "Science Isn't Always Pretty" with Keith Michael Johnson which mesmerized thirty children ages five through ten.

The Adopt-a-Book program was successful in the spring with forty two adult and children's books adopted by WBPL patrons. In the fall the Children's Department hosted a variety of programs for children, parents, and caregivers including, "Music Together" with Gwyneth Marini, "The History of the Civil War" for fifth graders at the Howard School, funded by the Howard Trust, "Spirit of America - The Fifties" funded by the Howard Trust, and an additional Red Cross

Babysitting course. Story time for four and five year olds as well as Toddler Time for two and three year olds continued throughout the fall.

Community Service volunteer hours by five West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School students were supervised by Jane Cartier in the Children's Room in conjunction with the National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, and Key Club advisors. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from the Howard School continue to utilize the WBPL during monthly morning library class visits with school librarian, Mrs. Dowling. One hundred kindergarten children were welcomed to the Library in November and introduced to the library services offered. Each child was able to sign up for his/her own library card. The Children's Dept. was also a recipient of ten books from the Red Sox Foundation Special Needs Collection and a generous check from the Mom's Club of East/West Bridgewater.

Miss Jo Rapp left the Library at the end of the summer to pursue the completion of her Masters Degree. Jane Cartier was promoted to be the new Children's Librarian. Ginalaurisa Shea became the new Assistant Reference Librarian.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 68,928 now and received 4,139 new items in the year. Circulation in the year was 61,328. The Library website is [www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater](http://www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater). On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events, Heritage Quest Online, a genealogy database, and Books in Print listings and annotations. The monthly Library Newsletter is HeddaLines edited by Jane Cartier who also serves as Webmaster.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating programs and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program. Friends' member dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations fund the R.I.F. distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the town in January, May, and September distributions. Over 17,000 books have been distributed in this program since 1989.

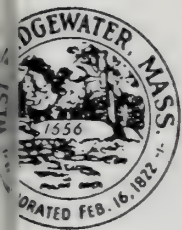
The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beth Roll Smith".

Beth Roll Smith  
Library Director





# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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It is with great pleasure that we submit this, our annual report to the residence of West Bridgewater.

The Health Department underwent many positive changes in the past year. We have restructured many of our department procedures; this has helped maximize our staff's time and our available resources. We have moved our meeting nights from Wednesday to Thursday; we have also changed the starting time from 7:00pm to 6:00pm. We moved our meeting location from the Highway/Forestry Building to the large 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room in Town Hall. The changes were made to better accommodate visitors that wish to attend our meetings. This year we have computerized our licensing process, and all our septic pumping records. We have added a health information center at town hall. You can find information on a number of health related issues. All this information is free. We have been pleased with the results of these changes.

In October the Board hired Robert Casper as our new Health Agent. Casper brought with him knowledge, energy and professionalism. He is committed to making our town a safe and health place to live. The Board and our staff have continued its commitment to being educated in Health Related fields. This is often accomplished at the individual's own expense. We have run our department to the best of our ability within the restraints of our budget. As the needs and responsibility of our department continue to grow, our department budget gets tighter and tighter. Board members have taken a hands on approach to enhance our department and to help make up for the staffing shortage. It is the consent of the Board that that a full time inspector will be needed in the near future to handle the ever-growing workload.

The Health Department continues to offer the Betterment Program. The program funds low interest loans to residence for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems. It should be noted that this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold. We thank Kevin Sullivan for his assistance with the program.

With the cooperation of the Fire Department we have be able to continue our sharps program. This program is in place to be sure that residences have a proper place to dispose of their used sharps and lancets. To give residence better access to the disposal site, it has been moved it to the Fire Department. We thank the Fire Chief and his department for their cooperation

Over the years, the responsibility of the Health Department has changes. The Health Department is now responsible for preparing and marinating plans to handle terrorist situations, such as a small pox epidemic created by terrorists. We have made it a priority to work closely with other town departments in this task. We were fortunate to have received a grant to help equip and prepare the town for a number of unspeakable situations.

We would like to thank Anne Bergstrom for her service on the Board of Health. Anne resigned from her seat on the Board in October. In filling the vacancy, we had 6 applicants. Each and every applicant had a lot to offer the department and we are thankful for their willingness to serve. The Board selected Linda Davidson to fill the vacancy. Linda, a Registered nurse has proven to be an asset to the Board.



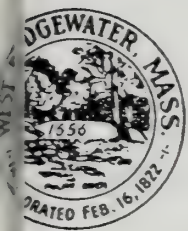
We were fortunate to have been able to fund our contract with Partners Health Care Inc. Partners delivers a number of health services, including the Flu Clinics to the residence of our town at no cost to the participants. For some residence the services provided by Partners is the only health services they receive. We thank our Nurse, Doreen Zeller for her continued commitment to serve our residence

Our Department continues to sponsor the Board of Health's Dog, Cat and Ferret Rabies Vaccination Clinic, held each April. We thank Dr Andelman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his assistance; he has helped make this program a great success.

The Board thanks our Secretary Darlene Green, Health Agent Robert Casper, and our review engineers for their commitment to keeping our town healthy. We thank all the town departments and boards for their cooperation and assistance. Most of all we thank the residence for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry D Lawrence  
Chairman  
Howard w Hayward  
Clerk  
Linda Davidson  
Member



# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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## REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2005

The Board of Health respectfully submits its report for 2005

The following is a list of fees gathered by the Board and report of the Animal Inspectors activities.

Perc Test Observations.....	\$ 16,810.00
Disposal works permits.....	16,285.00
Food service and retail food permits.....	4,275.00
Disposal works installer permits.....	3,600.00
Milk and Cream permits.....	510.00
Septic hauling licenses.....	1,800.00
Rabies Clinic.....	380.00
Mobile food service permits.....	175.00
Mobile Home Park and motel permits.....	185.00
Miscellaneous.....	1,290.00
Tobacco Licenses.....	400.00
Tanning Licenses.....	135.00
Massage Therapists and Establishments.....	1,375.00
TOTAL.....	\$ 47,220.00

### Animal Inspectors Howard & Lee Anderson's Report:

Chickens	177
Horses	104
Pony's	6
Pig's	10
Cows	221
Young Cows	93
Turkeys	4,512
Goats	11
Rabbits	4
Water Fowl	71
Sheep	6
Llamas	5

## 2004 Report of the Open Space & Recreation Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater. The Open Space & Recreation Committee respectfully submits its annual report for 2004.

The Open Space & Recreation Committee's mission and goals are many and serve the better interests of all residents, taxpayers and passerby alike.

Our Mission: "To preserve properties of significant scenic, historic, and ecological value in our community for passive public use and enjoyment and natural undisturbed wildlife habitat."

Open space, whether uplands, wetlands, or bodies of water, have important functions and values. Values which make an area important to society are related to public health and safety, environmental quality, and quality of life factors such as vistas, recreation, and enjoyment of the natural world.

These values of open space are five primary groups related to the protection and preservation of:

- Biological and ecological diversity
- Water supply and water quality
- Aesthetics and recreation
- Community character and agricultural lands
- Economic benefits

West Bridgewater is the proud steward of the town's section of the Bay Circuit Trail. The Bay Circuit was first proposed in 1929 as an outer "emerald necklace," linking parks, open spaces and waterways from Plum Island to Kingston Bay; the Bay Circuit idea - a precursor of today's national greenways movement - continues to take shape. Focused on a 200 mile corridor of 50 cities and towns, the Bay Circuit Trail connects the "jewels" of the "emerald necklace." Community by community, the dream of connecting more than 79 areas of protected greenway around Boston is now a reality.

Another challenge is, because we are an all volunteer committee with no staff and restricted budget, it has proven difficult to find enough interested residents or elected or appointed officials to serve in a more efficient manner in order to better realize our goals.

We have nearly completed the process of establishing criteria necessary for the next required Open Space Plan. That plan defines our communities' natural resources. The purpose of an Open Space Plan is to logically highlight the specific areas in town which we should preserve for their value to the water supply, ecosystem, passive environment, scenic vistas, and the future economic benefit to the town.

The committee appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to have a shared booth at the Annual Park Day celebration with the Conservation Commission. Together we provided educational and informational pamphlets and handouts to passers by.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Hayward, Chairperson  
Jack Ames

Victoria Benea  
Jac McDonald

John Newell  
Beth Roll Smith



## 2004 Report of the Conservation Department

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of West Bridgewater. The Conservation Department respectfully submits its annual report for 2004.

The Conservation Department consists of a five volunteer member commission appointed by the Board of Selectmen under the Conservation Act (MGL Ch 40, Section 8C) whose primary purposes are to uphold and protect the interests and values of the Wetland Protection Act as well as its Wetland Protection Bylaw and Rules and Regulations. In October 1989 the commission adopted its first Wetland Protection Bylaw and Rules and Regulations. The values and interests include protection of public and private water supply, protection of ground water supply, flood control, storm damage prevention, prevention of pollution, protection of land containing shellfish, protection of fisheries, erosion and sedimentation control, passive recreation, aesthetics, agriculture and aquaculture and protection of wildlife habitat. The Commission is also charged with fulfilling many other duties and responsibilities including the protection, management and promotion of passive recreational use on conservation owned land.

The Commission met on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening of each month at the Town Hall Conference Room at 7PM. In 2004 there were 23 regular public meetings, and one business meeting. There were 52 formal Public Hearings during the year. This included:

- 35 Notices of Intent, 30 which were approved, 3 were denied and 2 are still pending.
- 14 Requests for Determinations of Applicability were heard with 12 Negative Determinations and 2 Positive Determinations issued.
- 3 Abbreviated Notices of Resource Area Delineation were submitted and approved.
- There were 4 formal Enforcement Orders and 4 Notices of Violation issued.

Again, the year proved to be a challenge partially due to the increase of permits, increased wetland violations, the lack of a full commission, lack of a professional Agent and a restricted operating budget.

During the year the Commission welcomed the addition of Lee Anderson, filling the vacancy left by Joseph Gindhart who resigned in late 2003. Another exciting and positive element was the addition of Richard Vacca who was appointed as Agent at mid-year. Mr. Vacca, an Environmental Attorney, filled the vacancy left by Patricia Cassady who resigned at the end of 2003.

It is of great importance for the townspeople to have the availability of professional and technical resources on this board. The Commission also is excited to have a useful and informational web site.

The Conservation Commission continues in their goal to be people-friendly, always looking for ways to help the general public understand the need to balance natural resource preservation with town growth.

Respectfully submitted,

**Commissioners:**

Howard W. Hayward, Chairperson  
Dick Weatherby, Vice Chair  
Richard R. Palin  
Lee Anderson  
Joseph Souza

**Staff:**

Katherine Doherty, Secretary  
Richard Vacca, Agent

**REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS  
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The following 2004 Annual Report for the Department reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

**RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION**

	<b>Construction Value</b>
13 Dwellings.....	2,270,000.00
19 Condo Units.....	7,410,000.00
38 Additions, Alterations, .....	1,725,200.00
168 Incidental Construction.....	1,945,538.75
13 Swimming Pools.....	73,029.99
24 Mechanical.....	22,450.00
50 Zoning.....	
	<b>\$13,446,218.74</b>

**COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION**

7 New Buildings.....	6,028,000.00
3 Additions, Alterations .....	1,128,000.00
17 Incidental Construction.....	402,731.00
25 Signs.....	48,665.00
15 Demolitions.....	
	<b>\$7,607,396.00</b>

**CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL**

**\$21,053,614.74**

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	\$ 145,689.80
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	17,235.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	15,802.52
	<b>\$ 178,727.32</b>

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham  
Inspector of Buildings  
Zoning Enforcement Officer



## TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

### OFFICE OF BOARD OF APPEALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2004, the Board of Appeals held sixteen (16) Public Hearings with some of these Public Hearings being continued over several dates. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	14*
Variances granted	1
Applications withdrawn or continued	2

One Public Hearing was scheduled in which the Board was asked to uphold a decision made by the Building Inspector regarding the grandfathering rights of a property. The Board voted by a 4-1 vote to uphold his decision.

\*Public Hearings for New England Commercial Development began in November 2003. In January 2004, three Special Permits were granted to the applicant for a health club, restaurant, and a motor vehicle repair and routine maintenance operations facility, to be located at 389 West Center St.

In October 2003, the Board began a series of Public Hearings on the town's second Comprehensive Permit application, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 of the Massachusetts General Laws. In March 2004, a comprehensive permit was granted to Meadow Brook Realty Trust to construct a forty (40) unit condominium development, to be known as Meadow Brook Condominiums, on West Center Street, with ten (10) of the units to be sold as affordable.

During 2004, Marian Spencer resigned as a member of the Board of Appeals. The Board would like to thank Marian for her time of dedicated service and wish her well in her retirement in North Carolina. Upon Marian Spencer's resignation, the Board voted to appoint Armen Amerigian as a full voting member. The Board of Appeals would like to thank Town Counsel John Lee, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman  
John DeCosta, Vice Chairman  
Lars (Gary) Eliasson  
James Henderson  
Armen Amerigian  
Leonard Hunt, Associate Member





## Planning Board

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West Bridgewater,  
Massachusetts 02379  
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To the residents of West Bridgewater, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit their Annual Report of activities for the year 2004.

Twenty-four (24) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month. There was one (1) Special meeting held. There were twelve (12) Form A plans approved.

The Planning Board approved one (1) subdivision for acceptance by the Town. This one, along with many others, is waiting for Town Meeting approval. There are presently fourteen (14) subdivisions under various stages of completion. The Board has held discussions on possible subdivisions. There was one (1) Certificate of Disapproval issued for a subdivision that did not meet the standards. Eight (8) site plan hearings were held and acted upon. Seven (7) site plans were reviewed and sent to the Board of Appeals for their action. Three (3) Water Resource Protection District site plan reviews were held. The Planning Board reviewed two (2) drainage site plans for the Board of Appeals.

The Board met many times with residents and property owners to advise them on the use of their property. We are still striving to get the Town Meeting acceptance of many streets so as to get Chapter 90 road funds increased.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the past year. In closing we would like to thank all the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We always invite public participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman  
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman  
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk  
Grete Bohannon, member  
Anthony Kinahan, member



# TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

## BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, and residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits their Annual Report.

We continue to see an upward spiral in property values in residential and commercial/industrial properties. The economy has somewhat stabilized, but low interest rates and the buyers willing to pay the market price have contributed to the high property values.

We have completed our first interim (annual) adjustment as mandated by the State. This year is a revaluation year, and is done every three years. We will be requesting a warrant article to cover this expense as mandated by the State. We have had new business growth and the future looks very good for more in the future. This will help the Town's financial team's proposal to increase the commercial/industrial tax base. We have worked with the Board of Selectman to maintain a steady tax rate. However, as long as people continue to pay the high prices that property sells for, we can only assess according to the Fair Market Value as presented.

The Assessors have a booklet available showing what your assessors do, and can not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) tightly controls your Board of Assessors: nothing is done without following their rules and guidelines.

The Assessor's office is run by Robert Cole, principal assessor. Donna Cotter and Jean Upton make up the clerical staff. All members and staff are certified by the DOR. Robert Cole and the Board's Chairman have MAA certification.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald E. Stetson, Chairman  
Robert W. Lundin, Clerk  
Cheryl A. Smith, member

January 1, 2005

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of  
West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending  
December 31, 2004.

During the calendar year 2004, a total of one hundred eighty (180) measuring devices were sealed; thirty-nine (39) devices were adjusted. This year there were no devices marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade). There were five (5) devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of eleven (11) scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances

Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	4 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	9 Sealed 4 Adjusted 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	47 Sealed 4 Adjusted 2 Condemned

Weights

Avoirdupois	8 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None

Liquid Measuring Meters

Gasoline	66 Sealed 24 Adjusted
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 6 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted
Spring Water	8 Sealed

Fabric Measuring Devices

25 Sealed
2 Condemned



Redemption Machines

2 Sealed

Scanner Systems

1 Tested

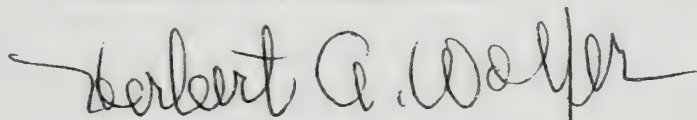
The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	\$2,575.00
Adjusting Fees	170.00
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Total Fees	\$2,745.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,



Herbert A. Wolfer  
Sealer of Weights and Measures



## *West Bridgewater Historical Commission*

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater,

During the year 2004, The Historical Commission held seven (7) meetings, one Demolition Delay ByLaw (DDBL) Forum, as well as attended various meetings held with the Bylaw Committee and the Supra ByLaw Committee regarding the final presentation of the DDBL. Over one thousand letters were mailed to our voting residents and eight hundred plus letters were hand delivered during the course of one weekend, two weeks prior to the October Special Town Meeting.

An enormous amount of time, effort, commitment, as well as our entire fiscal budget went into the final delivery and presentation of the DDBL, not including several years prior of reformulating the DDBL to its present state. Because the DDBL fundamental ideas still presented confusion to many who attended the Town Meeting, the Bylaw never had the opportunity to move forward. Although this was a challenging year for the West Bridgewater Commission in terms of the DDBL, we hope the future of the DDBL will be forthcoming with a favorable response.

On a more optimistic note and as part of our continuous effort to promote the Town's history awareness, our second phase of the Plaque Program was launched in June 2004, marketing homes 100 years and younger. This reflected two hundred homeowners, with a favorable response of twenty-eight and five plaque purchases for 2004.

The Plaque Program continues to show strong support throughout the community and the Historical Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the homeowners who have participated and hope that many more will become involved in the coming year.

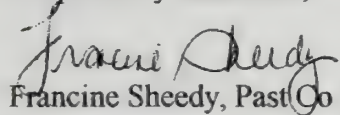
On June 7th, the second grade students of the Rose L. MacDonald School revisited the Keith Parsonage Home on River Street as well as the Town Park. This year, as parent chaperones, Noreen D'Andrea and I had the opportunity to join our children and their classmates on their annual field trip. It was wonderful to share their excitement and smiles along the way. Our many thanks for the joint efforts of both the teachers of Rose L. MacDonald and the Historical Society Members for making this an annual event.

On December 14th, we hosted the Tri-County Holiday Celebration held at the Old Bridgewater Historical Society Building. In attendance were our past and newly appointed members, the East Bridgewater Historical Commission, the Bridgewater

Historical Commission, and members of the Old Bridgewater Historical Society and their spouses. The evening unified all of the Bridgewater Commission members who have a common goal for the future of their community.

In closing, the Commission would like to thank the Old Bridgewater Historical Society for granting us the opportunity to hold our regular scheduled meetings at their building. We would also like to welcome two new members and four associate members who showed genuine interest in the Commission this past year. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Noreen D'Andrea and Gregory Sheedy for their time and energy the past three years, and to thank those for their continued dedication. When people are educated and involved in their communities heritage, they are more apt to take pride of their historic resources and become involved. We welcome and encourage any outside support for future projects reflecting the historical aspect of our community.

Respectfully submitted,



Francine Sheedy, Past Co Chair

Robert Bevis, Co Chair

John Newell, Co Chair

Katharine Turner, Secretary

Thomas Estey, Treasurer

Ann Harrington, Anne Marie Sheedy, Members

Donna Ames, Mark Anderson, Forrest Broman, Dean Hardy, Brian Lanner, Robert Nye,  
Associate Members



## REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2004.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2004 season began with a normal water table until record April precipitation produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 9,420 requests for service from residents.

In response to the elevated threat of virus in the district, we increased our trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culex* species, a human biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health from Project collections in Middleboro on August 3, 2004. Of the season's total of thirty nine EEE isolates, fifteen were from Plymouth County as follows: Halifax (8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 9/13 (2), and 9/20), Kingston (8/18, and 8/19), Middleboro (8/3, 8/24 and 8/25), Pembroke (8/31 and 9/8), Plymouth (9/8), Rockland (9/4). Four human cases of EEE were confirmed including two fatalities (Brockton and Holbrook). These cases came from four towns in two counties (Plymouth County: Brockton and Middleboro), (Norfolk County: Holbrook and Foxboro). Seven horses tested positive for EEE in Massachusetts with three in Plymouth County: Middleboro (2) 9/2 and 9/15 and East Bridgewater (1) 10/2. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year, because of increased virus isolations, we extended our residential spray program three weeks into September. Municipality based requests for area wide spray continued throughout the district through October 4, 2004. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "high level of EEE risk" beginning the 2005 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2004 there were no human West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. No horse cases occurred during the season and two birds tested positive for WNV (one in East Bridgewater and one in Marshfield). The recurring problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between this Project and the Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on our web site, [www.plymouthmosquito.com](http://www.plymouthmosquito.com) and Massachusetts Department of Public Health at [www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm](http://www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm).

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

**Insecticide Application.** 1,712 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

**Aerial Application.** Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aeriially larvicided 160 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

**Water Management.** During 2004 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,245 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 173 complaints answered.

**Mosquito Survey.** A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Culiseta melanura* and *Culex species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker  
Superintendent

Commissioners:  
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman  
Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman  
Leighton F. Peck, Secretary  
William J. Mara  
Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.



## REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2004.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of economic development activities within the OCPC District; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region. We are proud that the Old Colony Planning Council is the only regional council in New England to hold all of these official designations at the same time.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning assistance, grant application preparation assistance and with information on local and regional trends by maintaining current socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Avon, Abington, Hanson, Pembroke, West Bridgewater and Whitman Executive Order 418 Community Development Plans; the Whitman Master Plan; Abington, Halifax and Kingston Zoning Map revisions; Vehicle and Speed Classification Studies throughout the region; OCPC 2004 DataBook; Journey to Work Study; Updated Road Inventory files for our communities; Commuter Rail Station and Park and Ride Lots Utilization Study; Old Colony 2004 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; BAT FY 2004 Ridership Analysis; BAT Title VI Report; Route 106 Traffic Study; numerous Intersection Studies and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The Council initiated work on the Area Agency on Aging Four Year Plan. During the past year, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 200 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued to work on Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to Bridgewater/Middleborough town line) and the Local/Regional Disaster Mitigation Plan for the OCPC Region. All of the OCPC's Communities participated in a Smart Growth Audit Sponsored by Vision 2020 and funded by NSTAR. The Council also co-authored with MAPC the Peer Review for the Proposed Village Center Plan at the South Weymouth Naval Air Station.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2004, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair Diane Cunningham, for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eldon Moreira, Delegate  
Nancy Bresciani, Alternate  
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large



## **Southeastern Regional Services Group 2004 Annual Report**

The Southeastern Regional Services Group has enjoyed another productive year providing valuable services to its seventeen member communities.

With the announcement in January of Regional Administrator Catherine Salisbury's intention to retire, much of the first half of the year was spent redefining a job description, recruiting and interviewing suitable candidates, and finalizing an employment agreement for the position. In May, Lara Ramey Thomas was offered and accepted the position. She began her duties in August.

This year there was also a great deal of activity on a new initiative for SERSG – a special project involving the City of Taunton and Towns of Easton, Raynham and West Bridgewater named the Pipeline Project. The project was initiated as a response to Aquaria Water's plans to build a desalinization plant in Dighton with a 16 mile long 20-inch diameter pipeline connecting the plant to the City of Brockton which has been in need of a supplemental supply of water for some time. Since Aquaria proposed to locate a large portion of the pipeline in the public ways in Taunton, Raynham, Easton and West Bridgewater, the municipalities are understandably concerned about overseeing that the pipeline is installed in the public roadways in accordance with the existing Street Opening Bylaw and in a way that will minimize impact to communities, especially since this is not a Public Utility but rather a private company seeking to make a profit from this project by using the public ways to conduct their business. The communities also want to sure that there is agreement among all parties involved regarding responsibility for maintenance.

A Supplemental Agreement was developed by the Regional Administrator and signed by the four involved municipalities and a Pipeline Committee composed of representatives from each municipality began meeting every other week on the project. Later in the year a finance and administration agreement between SERSG and Aquaria was developed whereby Aquaria would provide funding for SERSG to hire an engineering firm to review the pipeline route and operations plans, work with the committee members and consultants to guide the committee through the street opening application process, and provide general administrative support to the committee. Through an RFP process, engineering firm Dufresne-Henry was selected to undertake an initial engineering review of the proposed pipeline route which took place in September. At the end of the year, Aquaria was in the process of trying to alleviate some of the problems reported by Dufresne-Henry along the route of the Pipeline in Taunton and Raynham.

In response to federal mandates regarding stormwater management, the regional administrator developed a Model By-Law Regulating Storm Water Discharges Generated by Construction Activity, and subsequently worked with seven municipalities to develop stormwater brochures which were distributed early in the year. Other assistance on this topic was also provided including hosting EPA engineer David Gray at the March SERSG Highway Superintendents meeting to provide details about Phase II Construction General Permit Requirements.

Spring was busy with two SERSG cooperative procurements for fiscal year 2005. Twelve SERSG member municipalities participated in the IFB for Paper Supplies and eight members joined the DPW Supplies cooperative procurement.

We closed the year with our fall cooperative procurement for DPW Services in which fifteen of the seventeen member communities participated. The estimated value of this procurement for fourteen different DPW services is more than \$6.5 million.

After a state-wide price survey, cost savings for member communities for DPW Supplies and Services for Fiscal Year 2005 were developed and estimated to total more than \$650,000. Of the fifteen communities who participate in one or both of the cooperative DPW procurements, the average savings for FY05 was more than \$45,000.

The Regional Administrator also began quantifying in the fall the substantial savings achieved off the list price of office supplies through the SERSG Office Supply contract with Staples. For July through September alone, the sixteen municipalities in the contract saved almost a quarter of a million dollars off list prices on office supplies.

Lara Ramey Thomas  
SERSG Regional Administrator  
December 2004

# Womansplace Crisis Center

P.O. Box 4206 \*Brockton, MA 02303 \*Phone:(508)588-8255\* Fax:(508)588-0034

## THE PROGRAM

Womansplace Crisis Center (WCC) is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc., which is a private, non-profit agency. The center combines The services of the former Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center and Womansplace Shelter for Battered Women. Womansplace Crisis Center was established more than eighteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We, at the center, work hard to eliminate rape and sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities. *All counseling services are free of charge.*

## SERVICES

Womansplace Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

**24 - HOUR HOTLINE:** The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest and sexual assault, and to their significant others.

**CRISIS INTERVENTION:** Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault.

**INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING:** Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating, emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with the feelings of isolation and helplessness.

**MEDICAL LIASON:** Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors, the same as is utilized by various community hospitals.

**LEGAL LIASON:** Trained counselors respond to emergency room calls and work in collaboration with SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners), to provide emotional support and information to a sexual assault survivor and their significant others (families).

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION:** Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome, and other related issues.

Womansplace Crisis Center is a Program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.



# Womansplace Crisis Center

## THE NEED:

### ➤ Public Health Issue

1. Rape is an extensive public health problem as indicated by a recent report that states 1 in 7 adult women or about 340,000 women in Massachusetts have been the victims of one or more forcible rapes in her lifetime.
2. F.B.I. statistics indicate that 1 in 7 men will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
3. Rape, incest and sexual assault are violent crimes where the assailant wishes to control and humiliate their victim(s)—not for a wish for sexual gratification. A majority of these sexual assaults are planned.
4. Rape, incest and sexual assault can result in health issues such as pregnancies; STDs, including HIV/AIDS; mental health problems, and other somatic difficulties.
5. Rape Crisis Centers (RCCs) provide education and help facilitate public dialogue to discuss openly the issues of sexual assault.
6. Public acknowledgement occurs when a society takes responsibility by providing public funds to address public health issues such as sexual assault.
7. This acknowledgement helps a society to “break the silence” and, ultimately, to give permission and provide safety for the victim to speak up.

### ➤ Public Safety Issue

1. RCCs help rape survivors understand their options, lets them know that people believe in them and do not blame them, and supports them through all of their decisions in healing from the trauma, which may include prosecuting the crime of rape.
2. We know that, approximately, 16% of rape victims report this crime to the police.
3. If the victim of rape chooses to report to the police and prosecute, the Rape Crisis counselor will support them through this process. With this support, rape survivors are more likely to be able to get through the difficult process of prosecution.
4. Thus, there will be a greater possibility of perpetrators of sexual assault to be incarcerated. Since we know that there is a high recidivism rate among these perpetrators of an average of 7 assaults committed by each perpetrator, then as a society we will be making more individuals safe from rape and we will be increasing offender accountability.

### ➤ Dangerous Messages

1. To the victim:  
*We, as a society, are no longer willing to listen.*
2. To the offender:  
*We, as a society, do not really prioritize sexual assault interventions and prevention issues.*

*. . . We then minimize the seriousness of this devastating crime.*

Womansplace Crisis Center is a Program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

**REPORT OF THE  
PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.  
200 Ledgewood Place  
Rockland, MA 02370  
781-681-1000**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2004.

Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2004 include: successful flu/pneumonia immunizations (despite the unprecedented delay of the flu vaccine and the specific staging of MA DPH regulations on the administration of the flu vaccine to those at highest risk); adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the community; TB tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. PHC also serves as a depot for state-distributed vaccine. Community health programs were presented this year including provision of a babysitting training course. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Mass DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH TB and Pertussis Update, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting and Control; HIPPA Trained; and maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism information to the community. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	189	BP Screening	254
Communicable Disease follow-up	27	Blood Sugar Screening	6
TB Screening	1/1	Health Promotion Visits	13
Flu Immunizations	349		

\*Confidential case follow-ups are done and submitted to West Bridgewater Board of Health and Department of Public Health.

*In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by ACVNA staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specially and supportive services provided include:*

Skilled Nurse	Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy	Speech Language Therapy
Home Health Aide Services	Medical Social Worker
Education and Support Groups	Private Health Care Services
Case Management	Cardiac Care
Alzheimer's Disease Care	Rehabilitation Nursing
Parkinson's Program	Complex Wound Care
Diabetes Education	Oncology Care
Mental Health	Homemaker/Companion
Maternal Child Health	Telehealth

Partners Home Care extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health, the generosity of area businesses and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them. Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN  
Community Health Nurse



**PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
July 1, 2003 - June 30, 2004**

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County include: garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; educational resource materials; training and resources for green industry professionals and youth service agencies; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access – [www.umassextension.org](http://www.umassextension.org).

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P.O. Box 658, High St. Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) [plyctvext@mindspring.com](mailto:plyctvext@mindspring.com). Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham.

**Members of the Plymouth County Staff:**

Michael D. Koski, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program  
Amy McCune, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program  
Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program  
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant

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Plymouth County Commissioner Timothy McMullen – Pembroke	

**UMass Extension staff funded by Federal/State Program Grants: UMass Nutrition Education Program, 34 School St., Brockton 508-513-3475:**

Andrea B. Gulezian, Supervisor	Tammy Short, Nutrition Educator
Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator	Jennifer Anderson, Nutrition Ed.
Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator	Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk



## ***Town Of West Bridgewater Vehicle Maintenance Department***

March 31, 2005

To the Honorable Board Of Selectmen:

I, the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 2004.

Due to fiscal restraints the number of new vehicles purchased by departments was either kept to a minimum or none at all. Through regular maintenance we have kept things moving. The Highway Dept. has purchased some needed new equipment and with the winter we've had it was good timing. There has been a new generator added to the pumping system for the septic that handles the schools, police, fire & senior center. The town should now consider the purchase of new cruisers. We have cruisers showing mileage over 100,000.

The Vehicle Maintenance Department will continue to work to maintain the town equipment in good working order for the safety of the employees & the good of the town.

Thank you,

Leonard W. Graf, III



## **TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911**

<b>Town Departments</b>	<b>Phone Numbers</b>
<b>Accountant</b>	<b>894-1201</b>
<b>Assessors</b>	<b>894-1212</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>894-1209</b>
<b>Building</b>	<b>894-1207</b>
<b>Conservation</b>	<b>894-4973</b>
<b>Council on Aging</b>	<b>894-1262</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>586-3232</b>
<b>Forestry</b>	<b>894-1217</b>
<b>High School</b>	<b>894-1220</b>
<b>Highway</b>	<b>894-1216</b>
<b>Housing Authority</b>	<b>588-2781</b>
<b>Howard School</b>	<b>894-1250</b>
<b>Library</b>	<b>894-1255</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>586-2525</b>
<b>Pupil Personnel</b>	<b>894-1236</b>
<b>Rose L. MacDonald School</b>	<b>894-1240</b>
<b>Selectmen</b>	<b>894-1267</b>
<b>Superintendent of Schools</b>	<b>894-1230</b>
<b>Tax/Treasurer</b>	<b>894-1203</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>894-1200</b>
<b>Vehicle Maintenance</b>	<b>894-1218</b>
<b>Veterans</b>	<b>894-1201</b>
<b>Water Department</b>	<b>894-1271</b>











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